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LOCAL NEWS.

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A happy and prosperous New Year to all.

Huntingdon had three fires on Christmas day.

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We wish all our readers a Happy and Prosperous New Year.

The borough schools are closed this week and the pupils are apparently enjoying the holidays.

New photographs at the ITEM store.—Mapleton Presbyterian church, public school building and grounds, first church and school house of the town.

The large purchase of heavy rails by the East Broad Top railroad company has started the report that the road is to be made wide or standard gauge; also that it is to be extended to Burnt Cabins, McConnellsburg and Hancock, Md.

The mild weather on Christmas day afforded the band the opportunity to appear on the streets and in the afternoon that musical organization gave concerts in several sections of the town. The efforts of the boys were much appreciated by our citizens.

There will be a regular meeting of Mapleton Grange, No. 1154, on Monday evening January 4, 1909, at 7.00 p. m. There will be important business to transact and election of officers for the year will be held. A full attendance is desired. T. M. Wood, sect.

While at work at the Huntingdon and Broad Top railroad shops at Long Siding, near Huntingdon, on Tuesday of last week Philip Hetrick was painfully injured by a flying piece of spring from an automatic coupler, which broke off two of his front teeth, cut his head badly and also broke his collar bone.

Leaving a trail of corn which fell from a hole in their bag, John Platter and Edward Ford, negroes, were followed by Constable James G. Spangler, of Altoona, to their retreat from J. G. Farley's farm where they had stolen several bushels of shelled corn. Spangler was obliged to display his revolver before the negroes surrendered.

The State Department of Agriculture has issued a set of directions to manufacturers, importers and jobbers in fertilizers relating to the requirements of the State law as to branding and handling. The directions are short and so simple that there is little excuse for disregard of them. Attention is specially called to the importance of having goods licensed by the first of the year.

B. F. Meyers, editor and owner of the Star-Independent, treasurer of the democratic state committee and one of the best known democrets in Pennsylvania, who sustained a stroke of apoplexy while seated at the Christmas dinner at his Harrisburg home, is considerably improved and his physician say his chances of recovery are excellent. Very little hope was held out Friday evening for a time.

A number of employes of the P. R. R. at this place devote their spare time to shooting mark in the vicinity of BP tower where they have a rifle range. Christmas day they held a shoot and Track walker J. A. Wharton out of a total of twenty-three shots put all into the paper at a range of thirty yards. Mr. Wharton is ready to shoot against any marksman in the county who feels that he is able to out-shoot him.

A freight wreck occurred at Marysville early Monday Morning which resulted in seven cars and two engines being derailed. The wreck was caused by a double header going east on No. 3 track, sideswiping a train which was crossing over at the Marysville tower. One car crashed into the tower doing considerable damage to the building and injuring the operator, George Kauffman. Westbound traffic was delayed for several hours.

Rev. Hugh S. Seilhamer, who for several years has, on account of sickness, been deprived of doing any work, but as he is now slowly recovering wishes to do some light work as a means of gaining a livelihood and also try to regain his health. To that end he has taken up the canvas of some of the most popular subscription books, including the most up-to-date International Teachers Bibles and Family Bibles, which he will sell at the lowest possible price. Any one wishing to purchase a good book, can do no better than to see him and get a good book cheap and in doing so confer a great favor upon him, which will be greatly appreciated, and help him as he endeavors to help himself.

Injured at Sand Works.

Oliver C. Chilcote, who is employed by the Pittsburgh White Sand Company at their works one-half mile west of Mapleton, was seriously injured while in the discharge of his duties about 9 o'clock Monday morning. Mr. Chilcote had charge of machinery in the upper works and while engaged about a pulley the belt caught his left arm, drawing it around the pulley and fastening him in such a position that he could not extricate himself and the moving belt dragging heavily against the flesh of the left upper arm caused a deep flesh wound involving all the tissues between the skin and bone with a dragging of the tissues. Dr. J. G. Spangler was summoned to the works where he rendered first aid to the injured and had him removed to his home on Gurd avenue. The doctor then telephoned Dr. Simpson of Mill Creek to come for consultation and to assist with the operation. Fred Simpson, a junior at Jefferson Medical College, Philadelhhia, and a son of Dr. G. W. Simpson, who at present is visiting his home, was invited to accompany his father and witness the operation. The doctor and his son arrived at 11.40 and with Dr. Spangler they immediately went to the Chilcote home and rendered the necessary surgical aid, the future doctor being permitted to assist with the operation. The injury is located about three inches above the elbow on the inside of the left arm and the operation necessitated the ligating of arteries and the union of the nerves.

Mr. Chilcote is getting along as well as can be expected of one so seriously injured and this morning the doctors are pleased with the progress nature is making in restoring the injured flesh.

Muckle—Hawn Wedding.

The home of Mr. and Mrs. William Hawn, who reside a short distance north of Mill Creek, was the scene of a pretty wedding last Wednesday evening when their daughter, Miss Verna Hawn, was given in marriage to Mr. Emery Muckle. At 5. 30 o'clock the wedding march from Lohengrin was played by Mrs. J. W. Tate, when the bridal party, composed of the principals and Mr. Adam Muckle, Miss Nora Hawn, Mr. Clair Speck, and Miss Myrna Gorsuch, took their places beneath a canopy of pine and flowers and just in front of a bank of laurel and pine. As the last strains of the beautiful march died away, Rev. J. H. Ake, pastor of the contracting parties, pronounced the words that united these young people as man and wife.

After the ceremony a sumptous wedding dinner was served, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Goodman, assisting. Guests present other than mentioned above and the bride's parents, brothers and sisters, were Mrs. Henry Muckle, Mr. and Mrs. Leiby, Mr. and Mrs. Claude McDonald, Mrs. Adam Muckle, Mr. and Mrs. Benj. Goodman, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Tate and Miss Miriam Tate.

After a wedding trip to the western part of the state, Mr. and Mrs. Muckle will be at home to their friends in Mill Creek. The best wishes of the entire community go with these young people for a happy and prosperous married life.

Sunday School Scholars Receive Treat.

The entertainment given in the M. E. church Friday evening was largely attended and the program rendered delighted the audience. Santa Claus was present and gave a treat to each of the scholars of the school.

The Presbyterian school received its trent on Christmas morning.

On Christmas evening the members of the United Brethren Sunday school gave an entertainment in their church, rendering a very pleasing and appropriate program. At the conclusion of the program proper the members of the school—about two hundred and forty—were given a treat by Santa Claus who was anxiously waiting to take part in the evenings exercise.

B. F. Chilcoat, Esq.

Benjamin Chilcoat, the venerable postmaster at Rockhill Furnace, died last Thursday night. In early life he was a school teacher which profession he followed for many years. He served twenty years as a justice of the peace and for more than forty years had been a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. Mr. Chilcoat was in the 80th year of his age and for more than sixty years had been a consistent and active member of the Methodist Episcopal church. The remains were interred at Orbisonia last Saturday.

PERSONAL NOTES.

—Robert McCarl, of Altoona, spent Christmas with his parents here.

—E. H. Welker, of Mount Union, was a business visitor to Mapleton yesterday.

—Miss Alice Querry, of Mount Union, was a visitor to Mapleton last Saturday.

—Mrs. W. H. Spangler is visiting friends in Juniata county during the holiday week.

—Miss Mary Grey, of Ickesburg, Pa., was a recent guest of her sister, Mrs. W. H. Spangler.

—Rev. W. H. Norcross and daughter of Thompsontown, were visitors in Mapleton Monday.

—Vance Simpson, of Altoona, was the guest of his aunts, Mrs. Dell and Miss Wright on Sunday

—Mrs. Nancy Simpson, of Mill Creek, was the guest of her daughter, Mrs. J. G. Hicks, over Christmas.

—James G. Spangler and wife, of Altoona visited his mother, Mrs. Barbara Spangler, on Xmas day.

—C. W. Phillips and wife, of Tyrone, were the guests of his sister, Mrs. Samuel Hatfield, over Christmas.

—Misses Mary and Sarah Campbell, of Mount Union, were guests of their cousin, Hazel Hack, Saturday last.

—Leonard Smith, of Mount Union, spent a few hours last Thurday with Mrs. B. B. Shore and sons in this place.

—Herbert Bowman, wife and daughter, of Altoona visited his mother, Mrs. L. P. Bowman, in this place Thursday and Friday.

—Miss Veda Wooden, of Huntingdon, was the guest of her friend, Miss Nannie Henderson, on Chestnut street Saturday and Sunday.

—G. Monroe Querry and family, of Hollidaysburg, spent several days of the past week visiting relatives and friends in Mapleton and Mount Union.

—Jesse Goodman, of Huntingdon, suffered a severe stroke of paralysis on Christmas morning at his home on Mifflin street. He is slowly recovering.

—Caleb Evans, of Petersburg, who had been visiting Mrs. Harry Eade at Burnham, spent the early part of the week with his cousin, John M. Miller, in Mapleton.

—Miss Euphemia Robison, of Phildelphia, Mrs. Martha Robison, Mrs. Asenath McClure and son, of Port Royal, were guests during the past week of their sister Mrs. E. E. Beil.

—J. M. Kean, Director of the Poor J Q. Dell and Geo. D. Lynn, of Cass township, and A. R. Foster, Esq., of Union township, were business visitors in town during the early part of the week.

—Paul Schneider, of Trenton, New Jersey, spent Saturday with J. G. Hicks' family. The young man was a classmate of Mr. Hicks' son, Mason, while the two were students at Williamson trade school.

—George Arnold and Mrs. Elsie Pickel were united in marriage on December 24th and immediately went to house keeping in the Harry Barkley property in Union township near the Henry Miller homestead.

—Bernard, the six-weeks-old son of Dr. and Mrs. Roy E. Black died at the parental home in Huntingdon in the afternoon of December 25th. The funeral which was private, was held Saturday afternoon.

—Loy McCarl, of Altoona, who spent the holidays with his parents Mr. and Mrs. E. E. McCarl, acted as Santa for the M. E. young folks, and the way he was received by the youngsters spake well for the manner in which he did his part.

—J. A. McHenry, wife and son, of Cassville, arrived in Mapleton Monday evening and spent the night with his sister, Mrs. C. C. Foster. They were returning home from a Christmas vacation which was spent with friends at Pittsburgh and Monessen, Pa.

—Steel Hunter, of Centre county, a brother of the late George Hunter, of Mount Union, is visiting friends in this county. He was the guest of his neice, Mrs. E. E. McCarl several days during the week and at present is spending some time with relatives at Mount Union.

—Mr. and Mrs. Charles Utts entertained over Christmas the following relatives: Mr. and Mrs. Sherwood, of Huntingdon; John Bell and sister, of Bellwood; Mrs. Howard Lewis and daughter, and Mrs. Samuel Price, of Strode's Mills; Mrs. Cartright and Mrs. Young, of Bellville.

Death of Hon. Thomas W. Myton.

Hon. Thomas W. Myton, one of the best known men in Huntingdon county—a lawyer, christian and soldier—died at his home in Huntingdon at 2 o'clock Sunday morning of stomach trouble, the serious nature of which was first realized on Thursday. He suffered intensely and lapsed into unconsciousness several hours before dissolution came.

Thomas Wesley Myton was born in West township, this county, Feb. 13, 1842 and was therefore aged at the time of his death 66 years, 10 months and 14 days. He was of English, Scotch-Irish and Quaker extraction. He grew to manhood on the farm and received his early education in the public schools and at Mooresville academy. He taught school for a number of terms. In 1862 Mr. Myton enlisted in Co. H, One Hundred and Forty-eighth regiment. At the battle of Chancellorsville, May 3, 1863, his left arm was shot through and later had to be amputated and he was wounded in the right shoulder and in the face. Returning home from the war in 1865 he was elected county treasurer. In 1866 he began the study of law. He began the practice of the law in 1870. In 1872 he was elected prothonotary of the courts. He represented this county in the legislature in 1883. From 1887 and 1890 he was engaged in business in Kansas. It is quite a co-incident that he died exactly to the day thirty-eight years after he was married to Miss Ella E. Davis, who survives him as do two sons, and one daughter—Walter A., an architect, of Johnstown; John, a civil engineer; and Miss Eleanor, at home. There are also living one brother and three sisters: S. H. Myton, of Winfield, Kansas; Mrs. Martha Gregory, of Nebraska; Mrs. Caroline V. Lane, Newton Hamilton, Mrs. Harry Lightner, of Neff's Mills.

Mr. Myton was an active member of the George Simpson Post No. 44, G. A. R., and was to have been installed as its commander at its next regular meeting. On next Monday had he lived and been in health he would have entered upon the duties of county treasurer, to which office he was elected in November last.

In regard to his Christian character and his moral worth nothing perhaps better could be stated than the following.

At the regular session of the Sunday school of the First Methodist Episcopal church, Sunday afternoon, December 27, 1908, these minutes were unanimously adopted:

Hon. Thomas W. Myton, whose name has been identified with Methodism in Huntingdon for more than forty years has been called to his reward. Not so much that he was a communicant of this denomination and of this particular church, as the fact that he was a genuine Christian man whose life and example and influence were always identified with such agencies as tended to the uplifting of men, the upbuilding of character and the betterment of the community, cause us to mingle our tears of sorrow with those of the members of his immediate family. A great and good man has fallen. While his activities were handicapped by the loss of one of his members in defense of the flag of his country, his mind was not dulled and his spiritual manhood shone with brighter lustre. That his fellow-men appreciated his worth is attested by the fact that twice he was elected county treasurer, once prothonotary and once a member of the state legislature. In public life he was never recreant to a trust. We, however, knew him best as a faithful servant in the Master's vineyard. As an official member of this church and as a teacher in the Sabbath school, we bear witness to his fidelity and to his labors of love. His wise and discerning counsel in the meetings of the official boards of the church and school facilitated business, promoted fellowship, and achieved result. His knowledge of the Book, his regularity in attendance and his rich spiritual experience made him a successful teacher in the Sunday school. From the public preaching services, the social means of grace and the prayer meeting he was rarely absent and such times as he was necessarily absent attracted attention and occasioned inquiry as to the cause. Such a man's place will be difficult to fill.

"In attestation of his merit and the esteem in which we held him, Be it

Resolved, That the foregoing expression and these resolutions be spread upon the records of this Sunday school.

Resolved, That as a school we express our heartfelt sympathy to the bereaved family and commend them for true consolation to the God of all grace whose abundant promises to the widow and orphan are sure and steadfast."

The funeral was held from his late residence 310 Penn street yesterday afternoon at 2 o'clock conducted by the pastor, Rev. J. S. Souser. The official board of the church, representatives of the Epworth League, and the Brotherhood of which organization Mr. Myton was president, attended in a body, as did the G. A. R.

Henry Miller.

Henry Miller, one of the oldest residents of this section, died at his home in Union township, one mile west of Mapleton, at 11 o'clock a. m., December 26, 1908, of senile gangrene. The gangrene resulted from injury received to the great toe of the right foot last winter by wearing a felt boot that was to short for the foot. In April last he began to suffer from pain in the toe and from that time till death he was confined to his home, most of the time being unable to walk.

Henry Miller was the son of the late Jacob and Rachel (Dell) Miller and was born on the Miller homestead (now the property of A. K. Miller's heirs) July 9, 1834, being at death aged 74 years, 5 months and 17 days. He grew to manhood on the farm and March 24, 1858, was united in marriage to Mary Wilson, and all their married life was spent in this vicinity.

To them were born twelve children, nine of whom survive, together with his widow. The surviving children are Miss Priscilla E. Miller, of Philadelphia; Miss Rachel, at home; Thompson Miller, of Blair county; Mrs. W. H. Barkley, of Union township; Mrs. Lewis C. Corbin, of Juniata township; Mrs. Belle Grant, and Isaac Miller, of Altoona; Mrs. Harry Wagner and Wesley Miller, of Mapleton. He is also survived by two brothers—George Miller, of Union township, David B. Miller, of Mapleton, one half-brother, Gideon C. Miller, of Mead, Nebraska, and one half-sister, Miss Mary J. Miller, of Mapleton.

While a young man Mr. Miller became converted and upwards of forty years had been a member of the Mapleton United Brethren church. When able he was always present at the services of this church and every duty he earnestly performed, He will now be rewarded for the Christian life which he spent on the earth.

The funeral was held in the U. B. church yesterday morning at 10 o'clock. The services were conducted by the pastor, Rev. G. R. Alban, assisted by Rev. J. H. Ake, of the M. E. church. Interment was made in Mountain View cemetery.

Mrs. Ellen Swope.

Mrs. Ellen Swope, widow of the late Lawrence S. Swope, formerly of Mapleton, died at her home in Orbisonia at six o'clock Saturday morning, December 26, 1908.

Deceased, whose maiden name was Riley, was a native of East Freedom, Blair county. She was thrice married, her first husband being a Mr. Ott. They moved to Orbisonia about 1872 where Mr. Ott soon afterward died. Five children of this marriage survive. They are Mrs. William H. Chilcote, Mrs. Philip Wilson, Stewart Ott, Hugh Ott, and Wesley Ott, all of whom reside in Orbisonia. About 1887 Mrs. Ott married William H. Barkley, of Mapleton, who died in the early part of the following year. Mrs. Barkley removed to Orbisonia and about 1890 she was united in marriage to Lawrence S. Swope, of Mapleton, who died in November 1897. They resided for some time in Mapleton but removed to Orbisonia about 1894 where she has since resided.

Deceased united with the Methodist Episcopal church in early life and was an earnest, devout Christian woman. Although of quiet disposition she took an active part in church work as long as she was able to do so. She was one of the most hospitable, charitable unselfish and helpful women the writer has ever known, and all who knew her were her steadfast friends.

The remains were interred Monday afternoon at Orbisonia, services condected by her pastor, Rev. Collins, being held at her late home.

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It takes a good man, admits the New York Press, to know how much better any kind of woman is.

A bright child of 13 in Worcester Mass., has composed a whole love letter by hitching together the titles of various popular songs. And it's no sillier than the average.

"Appreciation is something a woman always expects and seldom gets," observes the Florida Times-Union. The records show six or seven unappreciated men, too, don't they, retorts the New York Mail.

The vote of the Chicago charter committee in favor of granting municipal suffrage to women looks, to the Boston Transcript, like light ahead for the movement in that city, though hens are still in the way.

Murder cases no longer stir public opinion as they used to, muses the Warsaw Gazeta. Is it that we have too little time to think of anyone but ourselves and our own affairs? Or is it that we are growing less sensitive and more generally indifferent?

What we call a saloon the English cousins call a public house, or, for short, a "pub." At a recent meeting of the city justices of Birmingham, England, the chief constable reported that (by actual count) 2782 women had gone into a single public house in 16 days.

John D. Rockefeller, conversing amiably with a reporter, drove home a remark on inefficiency with a golf story. "There was a man," he said, "who had no success at golf at all. The more he played, it seemed, the poorer he became. One day his work was particularly bad. 'Dear, dear,' he said to his caddy, as he looked ruefully at a deep hole in the turf that he had just made with his iron; 'dear, dear, there can't be worse players than myself.' 'Well,' said the caddy, reflectively, 'maybe there's worse players, but they don't play.'"

The assembling of the International Road Congress in Paris, remarked the Boston Post, was an occurrence of greater note than the opening of the British Parliament which took place on the same date. The Paris conference met to deal with questions of universal importance and of the most intimate relation to the well-being of the human race. The building of good roads is of material concern, superior today even to the building of railways or of battleships. With the introduction of power vehicles upon the highways the necessity has increased. And as in all countries the same necessities exist, a comparison of methods and of results and of appliances for the construction and maintenance of public highways cannot fail to produce results of mutual advantage. Our roads as yet are ephemeral makeshifts. Two thousand years ago the Romans built roads which today exist and are practicable.

Are we indebted to the vegetarians for the addition of fried squash blossoms to our list of good things to eat? Flowers, as food, we have known for some time in salads, and with preserved and crystallized violets and rose leaves we have a long-standing acquaintance. But all these flowers, urges the Boston Transcript, have been the garden sort that do not expect to get beyond the blossoming stage. The utilizing for table purposes of flowers whose blooming leads to a homely, substantial vegetable is another matter. Squash blossoms fried and served as a vegetable of much delicacy might almost be considered in the light of something new under the sun. And though, as suggested, the vegetarians may have given the idea to the world, is it not more likely that the invention, or the adaptation, as it might rather be termed, emanates from a source in which eating is regarded as enjoyable as well as a means for sustaining life? It is easy to understand that imitators of the idea will soon be at work in the field, and that we shall be offered the cooked flowers of other vegetables.

THE KIND A MAN WANTS.

Yes, Jack, I'm married. No, you never met her.
She's not much like the girls in our old set,
Not up to their smart ways; why, she's old fashioned.
She never even smoked a cigarette!

The girls we've always known are jolly fellows,
With mannish ways and strong athletic grace,
So muscular that when they're dressed in laces
And pouring tea, you feel they're out of place.

My wife does not belong to "club" or "congress,"
She's never tried to be a howling swell,
She never bet a cent on any races,
I never heard her give a college yell.

Her voice is sweet, to read aloud of evenings,
To sing low lullabies or simple ballads.
She loves to cook—not fashionable dishes
Like lobster what-you-call-it or queer salads;

But things a man likes, biscuit, bread and doughnuts,
And soups and meats, to eat and not for show.
She's just a loving wife and good home maker,
And that's the kind a man wants, don't you know.

—Camilla J. Knight, in New York Sun.

Ira Had His Good Points.

By KENNETT HARRIS.

"He's a right clever old man when you get to know him," said the storekeeper, as the sharp-nosed veteran with the peaked cloth cap left the store. "Some folks don't like him an' say he's pretty mean, but there's meaner than what he is."

"A derned sight worse," supplemented Washington Hancock. "There's some that don't pay their groc'ry bills an' there's others that haint got one red cent to rub against another. It's s'prisin' the meanness that there is in this yer world, an' when you see a shinin' light like Uncle Jimmie weth $10,000 or more i nthe bank, cash money, an' a hull section of the best farm land in the county, it makes you think that all the white whiskered angels ain't in heaven."

"I reckon there's suthin' in that," remarked Sol. Baker. "Bein' tol'able well fixed makes a difference."

"If Uncle Jimmie wasn't a piller o' the Farmers' National an' if he done his tradin' with Seth Bowker mebbe Rufe wouldn't stick up for him the way he does," insinuated Marvin Persons.

"I hain't sayin' that a man's virtues is all hid when he's pore," said Hancock, "but I do say that a feller c'n see his good qualities a right smart plainer if he's well fixed. It reminds me of Ire Sibley over in Buchanan, that uster live neighbor to us when I was knee high to a grasshopper.

"I reckon the Lord never made a man weth boweder laigs than what Ira had. When I met him a-comin' down the road I c'd see the meth'dist church—all 'ceptin' the spire—the blacksmith shop and Col. Barker's brick reserdence atwixt Ira's laigs all at one clip. Looked like a picksher in one o' these yer ovel round frames. You've seen bow-laigged men, but you never seen one like him. If they'd been straightened out he would have been erbout seven foot tall, but as it wuz he wusn't more'n an inch or two over five-foot. Then he had red whiskers, which wusn't never combed out, an' a bald haid an' both eyes turned in t'ords his nose, 'sif somebuddy had tol' him there wus a smut on it. He shorely wus powerful homely.

"He wusn't not only homely, but he was kind o' dumb. There wus some who allowed that he didn't have enough sense to run loose, but I reckon that wus on ercount of him bein' the only feller in the township to vote the Republican ticket. He done that right erlong. He wus jest contrary, to my notion. He'd lie wussn't Sol, there, will, an' there wus some who said he'd steal, an' he was so plague-taked shif'less an' ornery that nobuddy ever wanted to go anigh him.

"There was one ol' widder woman that wus some kin to the Bigbees an' worked for 'em. Her name was Trumble an' when Ira's house got too desprit cluttered up he'd go to work on it weth a hoe an' send for her to put on the finishin' touches. He paid her for it, though he was too pore to have her often an' too nomely to get him a wife."

"You can't make me believe that," observed Parsons, sagely.

"You never seen him," said Hancock. "Whether or no, Mis' Trumble earned all the money she got on them cleanin' days, an' bein' one o' these yer cliketty wimmen an' him not havin' much to say she started in an' kep a-goin' the hull enduring time she wus workin', callin' him all the hawgs an' dawgs she c'd lay her tongue to. Then she'd go back to the Bigbees an' lambaste him to them. I've heard her many's the time an' I never knew one human c'd have sech a pore erpinyun of another.

"Well, one time when she wus due to clean up, one o' the neighbors dropped off a letter for Ira. It seemed like one of his kin in Arkansaw had died an' lef him a heap o' money. I disremember how much it wus, but it was a consid'able. He studied over it for awhile an' then he jammed the letter down in his pocket as Mis' Trumble come over the rise o' the hill, an' went to the well after water.

"She opened out on his just as soon as she got clost enough for him to hear. 'I don't see what brings me a-traipsin' over,' she says. 'I'm a fool to do it. If you had a lick o' decency about you you'd clean up yourself once a week, anyway, but you'd rather smoke an' guzzle two-thirds of the time an' snore the balance. Of all the ornery, no-ercount, wuthless, loafin' ——You know the way a woman talks. Well, Mis' Trumble kep' on thataway all mornin' as she was swashin' the water around an' thumpin' the mop. Ira set in the doorway smokin' an all of a itch to tell whut had happened. Fin'ly as Mis' Trumble come through to bring him a bucket for more water, he give her the letter an' tol' her to read it.

" 'For massy's sakes!" she says when she had spelled it through. 'Ira Sibley, do you mean to say that all that money's acoming to you?'

" 'That's whut it is,' said Ira, puffin' at his pipe an' tryin' to look 's if he wusn't a-bustin' weth imp'tance. 'I reckon I'll have some friends now,' he says.

" 'You always did have friends,' says Mis' Trumble. 'There's them that doesn't erpreshate you as well as I do, not knowin' you, but you've got friends.'

" 'I won't be so ornery an' shiftless an' pizen mean now,' says Ira. 'They'll find out that I've got my good p'ints.'

" 'Ish'd say you had,' says Mis' Trumble. 'Why, Ira Sibley, whut do you want to miscall yourself thataway for? You've got more good p'ints than the most o' the men, an' I've allus said so. Ef there's any man that's got more I'd like to have 'em show him to me.'

"Ira began to swell up still more. 'I don't say that ain't so,' he says. 'But you watch out an' see if anybuddy calls me "bowlaigs" after this. I bet you I won't hear no remarks about my whiskers nor my squint eyes. I would not wonder if they got to think I wus a good-lookin' feller."

" 'Why wouldn't they?' says Mis' Trumble. 'You ain't no more bow-laigged than some other folks, an' I allus did like red whiskers. As far as eyes is concerned, I think a cast in a man's eyes is reel cunnin'. I call you a mighty good-lookin' man.'

"'Sho!' says Ira, smilin' clear up to his ears. 'Well, mebbe there's worse-lookin'. Some gal may take a fancy to me yet.'

" 'You don't need no gal, Ira,' says Mis' Trumble. 'What you want is a stiddy, keerful, experienced, smart woman. One that knows your good p'ints an' is ercustomed to your ways an' kin cook for you an' do for you the way a man like you'd orter be cooked an' done for.'

"That's what she said to him. It goes to show whut I wus a-sayin'."

"But what came of it?" asked Baker.

Hancock regarded him with an expression of supreme contempt, "Well, whut do you s'pose come of it?" he said.—New York Evening Journal.

Can Only Go Three Feet Deep.

I know an institution with wide, rolling fields all about it. There are exceptional privileges here. A brook sparkles and splashes its way through the wood, and every summer afternoon at the ringing of a bell the boys are marched down there for a swim. A placid-faced lady to whose care they are entrusted selects the locality, and they may not go one bush beyond. "They dassn't go in only three feet deep!" pityingly explained the farmer's boy, who was telling me. "Us fellows swims nine feet deep!" and he trudged off down the road whistling joyously between bites of a green apple. There was a lilting note to the tune and an energetic swing to the shoulders. It takes green apples and swimming-holes nine feet deep to make the best men. They know how to breast the deep places in life. Over against this picture I could see hundreds of boys marching in regular step, who all through the world are going to be limited to places three feet deep. But an institution must have its boundaries—if it is bringing up boys by wholesale.—Mabel Potter Daggett in the Delineator.

Coyote Against Rabbit.

I have been ranching on an island for more than a quarter of a century. There are no carnivorous wild animals on my island but the coyote wolf, and I could get rid of him in a very short time and at very little expense, but if I did the rabbit would soon put me out of business. I have experimented along these lines and know what I'm talking about, and I declare here and now that in my opinion the carnivorous wild animals of Texas save the farmers and stock raisers hundreds of millions of dollars by keeping the rabbit in check.—Houston Post.

Pennsylvania leads in the slate industry, with Vermont, Maine, Maryland, New York, California, Arkansas and New Jersey following in the order named.

THE COST OF IMPERIALISM

Excess of Insular Expenditures Over Revenues $570,524.

Density of Population in the Philippines Greater Than in Japan, Italy, Germany or France.

Washington, D. C.—According to the annual report of Brigadier-General Clarence R. Edwards, Chief of the Bureau of Insular Affairs of the War Department, the excess of insular expenditures over revenues during the past fiscal year was $570,524. The excess of receipts over expenditures in the city of Manila was $328,367.

The expenditures of the Republic of Cuba on account of American intervention from October 1, 1906, to June 30 last were $757,343. These expenditures were made from funds allotted by the provisional Government from time to time for army expenditures due directly to the army service in Cuba. The statement of extraordinary expenditures on account of the army of pacification in Cuba, which, under Congressional legislation, are to be reimbursed from the Cuban treasury, shows a total of $5,311,822, of which $3,376,735 was from October 1, 1906, to June 30, 1907, and the balance from then until June 30 last.

The average density of population in the different provinces of the Philippines compares very favorably with some of the countries of Europe. In Cebu it is greater than in Japan, Italy, Germany or France.

The postal savings bank shows a steady increase of business. Of the depositors fifty per cent. are Americans and forty Filipinos.

CARNEGIE RIDICULES TARIFF.

Testifying at Washington, D. C., Says That Protection is Not Needed Now.

Washington, D. C.—Andrew Carnegie argued and joked with the Ways and Means Committee for several hours in behalf of free trade in steel. Much of his time he devoted to criticising the committee's method of investigation, and urging that only added bewilderment could result from the further following of those methods.

"I am such a protectionist as the President-elect is," he exclaimed late in the afternoon, rising from his seat and waving his hands forcefully to the fifteen members sitting in a semi-circle around him. "But we, the steel men, don't need protection any more. Protection now can only work a serious injustice to the consumer."

COURT GIVES FUND TO HEIRS.

Disapproves Bequest For Teaching of Swedenborg's Doctrines.

Lancaster, Pa. — Believing that Emanuel Swedenborg's work, entitled "Conjugal Love," advocates to some extent laxity in the relations of men and women, and that the teaching of the doctrines contained in it would be contrary to public policy, Judge E. G. Smith, of the Orphans' Court, awarded a fund of $50,000, bequeathed by Frederick S. Kamph for the founding of a university in Philadelphia for instruction in Swedenborg's doctrines, to the Kamph heirs. The Academy of the New Church and the General Church of the New Jerusalem each claimed the fund under the bequest.

GRIEF KILLS STRONG MAN.

His Life Gone Through Regret For Having Shot Friend For Deer.

Minneapolis, Minn.—Intolerable regret, crumbling all the vital forces of his being, is believed to have caused the death of Charles Wingren, who lived with his wife and seven children in Inez, Crookston County. Wingren, who was only twenty-seven years old, was strong and healthy until a few weeks ago, when he shot and killed a neighbor, his closest friend, in mistake for a deer. The official report of Wingren's death stated he died of apoplexy, a rare complaint for a young man who has lived his whole life in the healthy open air. Those who knew Wingren best say he died of a broken heart.

TURNS OUT CASTRO MINISTRY.

Gomez Expected to Seize Venezuelan Government.

Willemstad, Curacoa.—Word has reached here from Venezuela that Acting President Gomez has ousted the Castro Government and set up a new Ministry of his own choosing. Among those thrown out is the Minister of Education, Dr. Baldo, who is in Germany with Castro. It is believed that Gomez intends to establish himself in supreme power.

TURKEY MAY GET $20,000,000.

Reported Offer by Austria-Hungary For the Two Provinces.

Berlin.—The Frankfurter Zeitung learns from a trustworthy source that Austria-Hungary is prepared to grant Turkey $20,000,000 as compensation for the annexation of Bosnia and Herzegovina. The paper adds that the transaction only awaits necessary formalities.

The Sunday-School

INTERNATIONAL LESSON COMMENTS FOR JANUARY 3.

Subject: The Ascension of Our Lord, Acts 1:1-14—Golden Text, Luke 24:51—Commit Verses 8, 9—Exposition of the Lesson.

TIME.—Thursday, May 18, A. D. 30. **PLACE.**—Jerusalem and Olivet.

EXPOSITION. — I. The Risen Christ, 1-5. "The former treatise" is the gospel of Luke (Luke 1:1-4). The subject of the gospel was what Jesus "began" to do and teach. The subject of the Book of Acts is what Jesus continued to do and teach (after His ascension). Just before His ascension He had given the disciples commandments (cf. Matt. 28:19, 20; Mk. 16:15-19; Luke 24:45-49; ch. 10:40-42). He had given these commandments, after His resurrection, in the power of the Holy Spirit. What an honor this puts upon the Holy Spirit, and how it emphasizes the importance of His work (cf. 1 Cor. 2:4; 1 Thess. 1:5). Jesus was taken up "into heaven" (Luke 24:51; cf. 1 Peter 3:22). The all-sufficient proof that Jesus rose was that He was seen through forty days after His sufferings and death. He showed Himself alive by many proofs. "Forty days" is the period of thorough testing (Deut. 9:9, 18; 1 K. 19:8; Matt. 4:2). During the forty days there was one subject of conversation, "the things concerning the kingdom of God." As the days of communion with the risen Christ drew to a close Jesus laid a solemn charge upon them not to take up the commission of world-wide evangelization that He had laid upon them until they had received the all-essential fitting for the work, "the promise of the Father," the baptism with the Holy Spirit (vs. 4, 5; cf. Luke 24:49). They were to stay right there in Jerusalem and wait until "endued with power from on high."

II. The Ascending Christ, 6-9 (Luke 24:50, 51). The mention of "the promise of the Father" seems to have suggested to the disciples the restoration of Israel, so they ask Jesus if He is about to restore the kingdom to Israel. His answer implies that the kingdom is some time to be restored to Israel (cf. Is. 1:25-27; 9:7; Jer. 23:5, 6; 33:15-26; Ez. 36-23-28; 37:24-28; Hos. 3:4, 5; Joel 3:16-21; Am. 9:11-15). But in the most emphatic way He tells them that God has reserved the knowledge of times and seasons to Himself (cf. Matt. 24:36; Mk. 13:32. How vain and presumptuous then for any man to try to figure out the time of our Lord's return (Deut. 29:29). Jesus turns their attention from the vain attempt to discover times and seasons to their own present duty of witnessing for Him. When they should receive the kingdom He does not disclose; when they should receive power He does disclose (v. 8). This power would be theirs when the Holy Ghost had come upon them (R. V.). They would not have power until then. How foolish then for us to try to work for Christ until we have sought and obtained the baptism with the Holy Ghost. The power of the Holy Ghost was not merely for the purpose of making them happy, but for the purpose of making them "witnesses" (cf. 2:4; 4:8-12, 31, 33; 5:32; 9:17, 20). They were to begin their witnessing right where they were when the Holy Ghost was received—in Jerusalem. They were to go next to the immediately surrounding territory; then to the nearest neighbors, the despised Samaritans, and then on and on "unto the uttermost part of the earth." A true reception of the Holy Spirit by the church means world-wide missions. Immediately after speaking these words, while they were looking, His feet began to leave the earth. This was His parting message to us. How we ought to ponder it. He had lifted His hands to bless them as He finished the message (Luke 24:50, 51). He went up with His hands stretched out in benediction, and He has been blessing us ever since. They knew He ascended, for they saw Him clearly. They saw Him until the cloud, the Shekinah glory, took Him out of their sight (cf. Ex. 19:9; 34:5; Is. 19:1; Ps. 104:3). We will be received up into that cloud some day (1 Thess. 4:17). He ascended to appear in the presence of God in our behalf, to prepare a place for us (Heb. 9:24; Jno. 14:2). His presence there makes us eternally secure (Ro. 8:34; Heb. 7:25) and His presence there now guarantees our presence there hereafter (Jno. 12:26; Rev. 2:21).

III. The Returning Christ, 10, 11. They strained their eyes to get another glimpse of Him and then stood there gazing. Two men in white (cf. Mk. 16:5; Luke 24:4, 23; Jno. 20:12; Acts 10:3, 30) stood by them. These angels were practical. "Why stand ye looking into heaven?" they ask. There are times when it is right to look up steadfastly into heaven (ch. 7:55), but there are times when duty calls to an earthward look. The right thing for the disciples to do just now was to do just what Jesus had bidden them (vs. 4, 12). The two in white gave a glorious promise to cheer the disciples and make it easy for them to leave that spot; Jesus was coming back again. Not another Jesus, but "this Jesus" which was taken up from them. He was to come just as He went, personally and visibly (the Greek is very emphatic and cannot be honestly reasoned away) (cf. Rev. 1:7; Luke 21:7; 1 Thess. 4:16; Phil. 3:20, 21; Heb. 9:28; Jno. 14:3; 2 Tim. 4:8; 2 Thess. 1:7-10).

THE PULPIT.

A BRILLIANT SUNDAY SERMON BY THE REV. DR. C. F AKED.

Theme: Chesterton's Discovery.

New York City.—The Rev. C. F. Aked, D. D., the pastor of the Fifth Avenue Baptist Church, preached in his pulpit Sunday. His subject was "How Mr. Chesterton Discovered England." He took for his text Matthey 11:28 and 29, "I will give you rest." "Ye shall find rest unto your souls." "Come unto Me all ye that are weary and heavy laden and I will give you rest. Take My yoke upon you and learn of Me, for I am meek and lowly in heart, and ye shall find rest unto your souls," and said:

This is Christianity's first invitation to the world. It applies the test of universal religion. For the test of universal religion is not in the numbers of those who accept it, but in the varieties of men and women who accept it, and whose needs it meets and satisfies. This invitation has been accepted by every kind and condition of men and women throughout the whole of the human race; and every type of character, every circumstance of need has responded to this invitation. The men and women who have accepted have found the rest for their souls which Christ promised. But I am not going to preach to-night upon this text. Millions of gracious sermons have been preached upon it and millions of souls have been won to the rest promised. I have one purpose only in repeating the words at the outset, and that is that you may use them, not as a text to expound but as a motto of that which is to follow, for I purpose to speak about a conspicuous figure in the world of letters who has accepted this invitation of Christianity and found rest for his doubting, wondering, inquiring mind, rest for his turbulent spirit; and he has written a book telling us how he found his way to Christianity and to the rest that Christianity offers.

The man is Mr. Chesterton. His books are freely on sale in this country and he occupies a very conspicuous place in English literary life. The book is called "Orthodoxy." It is a story—autographical—of the way in which he brings himself to the acceptance of Christianity. The style is all his own. He is the supreme master of paradox among living men the wide world over. His purpose is to take any statement about any mortal thing and show that universally the contrary is true. If, for instance, I say that the doctrine of original sin is gloomy and depressing his method is to show that the doctrine of original sin is universally the most bracing and most invigorating and exhilarating that the mind of man can conceive. That is the man's way, and he has attained to enormous influence and his books to enormous sale by working this paradoxical method. It does not follow because I call your attention to this book that I am commending it unreservedly, but the value of the book is that it stimulates thought. It sets you thinking about the deepest and highest things, and many things deeply suggestive and helpful to spiritual life. In one sense it is a corrective of that very curious ingrained temper of our day which launches every now and then an entirely new and original gospel that is going to supersede all other gospels that have ever been preached and bring in the millenium by special express with all expenses paid within the next fortnight. We have seen too much of that sort of thing and it is a corrective of this curious habit, this launching with banners flying and bands playing, a gospel of tomorrow, which, on examination, proves to be merely a second-hand copy of a sleepy edition of the gospel of yesterday afternoon.

Mr. Chesterton likens himself to an English yachtsman, who in the English Channel loses his bearings and in his imagination thinks he is in the Southern Pacific and on approaching the land believes it is some uninhabited or savage island. He goes ashore prepared to meet wild men and animals, and discovers that he is among his own people in the familiar streets of Dover or Brighton. Mr. Chesterton sets out to discover a new ethic, a new philosophy of life, a new morality, and he discovered Christianity. I have not been in this country twenty months yet, but I am quite certain that there have been twenty new gospels launched upon an astonished public during that time. I remember one that was to take possession of the church to win the world to Christ inside of the next twelve months. The publisher sent me a copy of the book for my opinion, and I wrote him that I did not care two straws about that sort of thing, but before the ink in my signature was dry a friend called on me and I asked him how Dr. So and So's scheme was getting on. "Oh," he said, "he is about through with it."

I said, "Why, I have only just got his book from the publisher." "That does not make a difference," said my friend. "But," I said, "how can he have got through with it already?" He looked at me with pity for my insular ignorance and non-appreciation of the ignorance of the American mind and said, "Have you not been here long enough to know how easily we take a thing up and how much more easily we drop it again?" The fact is that what is new in these new schemes is not true, and what is true in them is not new. I am very glad to have such a man as Chesterton, with his paradox, irony and sarcasm, calling attention to the utter folly of being led by this or by that, because it pretends to be new. You may say we are in a progressive age, but it is because we are progressive that we must preserve our self-respect and not be carried away by this and that "wind of doctrine." Looking back over twenty years, I can recall innumerable theories and philosophies that have tried to take possession of men and the church; but they have gone and the old faith, the old religion and the old belief in Jesus and the Cross remain transcendent, more certain and lovable than anything else:

In the cross of Christ I glory,
Towering o'er the wrecks of time.
All the light of sacred story
Gathers round its head sublime.

Mr. Chesterton tells us the way in which he found his way to belief and found rest, and he speaks about the amazement with which he realizes how one objection to Christianity canceled another out. Take one objection to Christianity and it is completely answered by another objection from some other objector. He found, he says, one objection in the agnostic manual to Christianity on the ground that it is a religion of gloom, and another because Christianity had cast a rose pink veil over all human life, with a silly, flabby sentimentalism about this being the best of all possible worlds. He found another objection that it has made man weak and that Christianity took all the virility, all the manhood out of us, and another that Christianity had deluged the nations with blood. Is Christianity, he asks, a religion of meekness and mildness, or of murder and massacre? It may be one or the other, but it cannot be both at the same time.

You remember the humorous poem by John Godfrey Saxe about the four blind Hindus who went to see an elephant. They could not see the elephant, but they said what they had seen. One happened to lean against the elephant and declared it was much like a wall. Another got hold of his tail and described him as being like a rope. Another got his trunk and said he was a serpent, and the fourth ran against his tusk and said he was shaped very much like a spear. The fact is that they had not seen the elephant at all. That is all. And that is my sermon. The objectors have never seen Christianity at all; they have never understood Christianity at all. They have seen mere fragments—the tail or ear of the elephant—but they have not seen Christianity and know not what it is.

The difficulties of religion are great, but the difficulties of unbelief are infinitely greater. It is not true that Christianity in its fullness is a simple thing that anybody can grasp in two minutes. There are difficulties and perplexities, but the difficulties and perplexities and problems in which you involve yourself by the rejection of Christianity are far greater than those involved in its acceptance. I could present half a dozen, I will present one: If unbelief has stated the case truly to us, Jesus Christ was only a peasant boy, a carpenter and a fanatic for religion, who lived in an obscure part of the Roman empire and died as a criminal after three years of agitation. That is all. And yet Christianity, the most tremendous and colossal fact in the world, has all grown out of that! Men and women, ignorant and wise, in widely different circumstances, tell you that they have been down and have been raised, have had burdens lifted from their shoulders, strength came to them, enabling them to bear their loads, they have been conscious of sin and realized forgiveness, the chains have dropped from their manacled spirits and they have walked in the freedom of manhood and womanhood, they tell you they have been lost and were found. I myself have at times seen through the vail that hides the invisible from the visible and have been sure of a God, and I have risen from what I thought the very gates of death and have walked the hills of life again, and found that my Saviour was by my side. If you want to know whether Christianity is true, try it. The objections contradict each other, and are not true. Christianity stands and Christ makes His appeal still to you to-night and offers the invitation: "Come unto Me all ye that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest."

Sacredness of Small Things.

We should realize the sacredness of small things which we ignore or despise—the deed that uplifts, although it is unheralded; the word that inspires, although uttered so gently that your neighbors do not hear it; the hand clasp which puts your brother firmly on his feet without public applause. Hence the small things dare not be despised by those of us who wish to rise to higher things.

I thank God for our religious privileges. We all have equal rights under the Stars and Stripes. The Protestant and Catholic, the Jew and Gentile, the Mohammedan may build his mosque, the Buddhist his temple. We have no State church, no coercive religious laws. We are responsible to no human power for our religious convictions, responsible only to God. The church that makes the best men and women is the best church.

Jesus Knows.

Christ's message to the churches of Asia all begin with the words, "I know thy tribulation," "I know where thou dwellest," "I know thy poverty." It is as if He would lay the foundation for His encouragement or His warning in the assurance of His sympathy. He always begins His message to His people thus: "I understand." We need not fear wrong judgment, we need least of all to fear the indifference that springs from ignorance. He understands, and therefore can judge; He knows, and therefore can help.—Pacific Baptist.

The Reward.

God puts consolation only where He has first put pain.—Madame Swetchine.

JAILED BOODLER SHARES IN PITTSBURG GRAFT

Martin Gets Part of All the Alleged Loot.

THE PRICE OF HIS SILENCE

Former Lawmaker Confers Outside Penitentiary With President of Councils—Heney to Investigate —Will Act by President's Wish.

Pittsburg.—Those who are probing the Council graft cases in Pittsburg profess to have found evidence that former Councilman William A. Martin, who is serving three years in Riverside Penitentiary for boodling, is being taken care of by the boodle Councilmen, that his share of any large graft carefully has been set aside for him. Councilman Martin was caught trying to graft $70,000 in the Tube City Railroad business and sent to prison for three years.

Martin recently had a long conference outside the prison with President William Brand, of the Councils, the only one of the seven under arrest whose bail is held at $30,000. The convict was brought from the penitentiary ostensibly for the purpose of having him as a witness in a certain case, but he was not called. Instead, he was made the hero of a reception by his former colleagues, and he and Brand talked together for hours.

That led to a quiet but thorough investigation of conditions by the Voters' League, and it is asserted there is proof that Martin, the first of the boodlers to be caught, agreed not to tell on the whole gang only when he was taken care of financially by the rest of the boodlers.

There is a rumor that Francis J. Heney, who uncovered the Oregon land frauds and was conspicuous in the San Francisco graft prosecutions, is coming here soon at the request of President Roosevelt to investigate the alleged bribery so far as it is connected with Federal institutions. According to Washington reports, Mr. Heney was in conference with the President on the Pittsburg situation. If he comes here it will be in the capacity of a special examiner, it is said, to investigate the alleged use of money by officers of national banks to cause their institutions to be made depositories of the city's funds. A statement was made at the preliminary hearings of the men under arrest that $176,000 had been thus expended.

EXPANDING CONSERVATION.

Canada and Mexico Invited to a Conference.

Washington, D. C.—By inspiration of President Roosevelt the movement for conserving the natural resources is to be expanded from a national to a continental undertaking. This is shown by an announcement from the White House that a conference having for its object "the conservation of the natural resources of North America" is to be held at the White House on February 18. The President has sent Gifford Pinchot, chief forester, as his personal envoy to deliver invitations to the Governor-General and the Premier of Canada and to President Diaz of Mexico. Mr. Pinchot, after performing his mission in Canada, will go direct to Mexico to call on President Diaz. As the result of the invitations it is expected that the Canadian Government and President Diaz will send representatives to the conference.

LAD TELLS OF SHOOTING BOY.

Youthful Hunter and Fisherman Quarrelled and Latter Killed.

Worcester, Mass. — Francis E. Jones, a sixteen-year-old boy, whose body was found on the ice on Lake Quinsigamond, was shot by Ralph William Krantz, a lad of fourteen, according to a statement made to the police by Krantz, who was taken into custody on a charge of murder.

Krantz said that he left home with a shotgun to go hunting. At Half Moon Pond, part of Lake Quinsigamond, he met Jones, who was fishing through the ice. The two boys quarrelled, and Krantz, according to his confession, levelled his shotgun at Jones' head and fired, the charge striking the young fisherman in the head and killing him. Krantz then picked up Jones' revolver and the fish that Jones had caught and went home.

FORBIDS HER TO SPEAK TO MAN.

Court Enjoins Young Woman Against Charming an Old Farmer.

Winona, Minn. — Court Commissioner Gibson, of Trempealeau, Wis., has granted an injunction in behalf of relatives of Leroy Bell, an old Galesville farmer, restraining Miss Grace Louden, a Winona woman, from speaking to, having any communication with, advising or influencing Bell, and preventing her from disposing of property deeded to her by him. Action was begun by Bell's relatives to prevent the sale of a deed to $10,000 of property near Galesville, which, it was said, was given to Miss Louden by the old man. It was alleged the defendant had inveigled the farmer into giving her presents of various sorts and to deed to her his remaining possession, a $10,000 farm.

AWAIT WORLD'S END MINUS THE PROPHET

Followers of Spangler Vainly Listen For Angel's Trumpet.

LEADER MAKES EARLY FLIGHT

Followers of Lee J. Spangler Still Await Destruction of Earth He Predicted, While He Escapes From Police.

Nyack, N. Y.—Lee J. Spangler, who has preferred to be known as "The Prophet," is missing. It is just as well for Mr. Spangler's peace of mind that he is.

Some time ago, in a prophetic mood, this modern Isaiah ventured the prediction that Sunday, December 27, would mark the end of all that is destructible on this planet. In that he made an error. When the day of annihilation had slipped by the town was in the first stage of its beauty sleep, having got over whatever fright it may have had.

The prophet's followers spent a very uneasy night and day and part of another night. Many of them did not go to bed at all, determined to be in at the first blast of the trumpet of the destroying angel. At the first sign of dawn, a party of the faithful —all women—performed their ablutions and put on white dresses, "specially made for the occasion." Then they foregathered. After that they walked in procession to the railway station to meet a party of Saints who were expected by the early morning train.

In due time the train arrived. Not a Saint was seen—unless it be the milkman arriving with the early morning supply. Behind the "faithful" was a crowd. This was composed of about 150 rude citizens. They made fun of the disciples of Spangler when no Saints appeared. Undiscouraged, however, the white-robed ones, followed by the rude citizens, marched sorrowfully to Oak Hill Cemetery. Why there, no one seemed to know, unless it be that the cemetery appealed to them as a happy hunting ground. Arriving, the procession attracted the attention of Superintendent Halstead. Not having been posted as to its object, and not liking the looks of the 150 followers of the white-robed ones, Halstead drove all from the grounds.

Many of the 150 had eggs which, it was rumored, had been sent up specially for the occasion from New York City. The rumor was enough for Halstead; he didn't propose to try the eggs.

Leaving the cemetery the faithful journeyed to the South Mountain. There a large congregation had assembled. All waited for the trumpet call of the angel, but after a while they got tired, as nothing happened. Then they dispersed.

Spangler got what is known in the vernacular as "cold feet" at the last moment. Whether or not he thought that Nyack was or was not a fit place in which to be found when the all-important moment arrived is not known, But he left town under the shadow of darkness in the morning.

There is a feeling of strong indignation in the town over the harm Spangler has wrought by his delusive preachings.

SHOT MAN FOR BEAR.

Was Clad in Buffalo Overcoat—Verdict, Justifiable Homicide.

Chattanooga, Tenn.—Mistaking an intoxicated man clad in a long buffalo overcoat for a bear, Thomas Deckmar, a well known farmer, shot and instantly killed Thomas Andrews near Lafayette, Tenn.

Andrews had been in jail, but was paroled by the sheriff in order that he might go home for Christmas. Instead of going home he visited several saloons and later sat down in the doorway of a residence, where he fell asleep. The family, thinking Andrews was a bear, called Deckmar, who prodded the form with his gun, and, getting no response, fired. A coroner's jury rendered a verdict of justifiable homicide.

STUDENT KILLS 4 OF FAMILY.

Murders Father and Sisters Because They Refused Him Money.

Mainz.—Because his demands for money were not gratified, a young student of astronomy committed a quadruple murder, killing his father, Dr. Racke, a former member of the Reichstag, and his three sisters, one of whom was betrothed on Christmas Eve.

Potatoes Nearly Steady.

While potato prices have sagged there is no change in conditions and no reason to look for weakness in the market. Imports of potatoes from Europe have a somewhat unsettling effect, but such imports are not likely to be large unless the market goes up a little higher.

Pineapples From Hawaii.

Seven years ago only forty acres of Hawaii's fruitful soil were devoted to pineapple culture; now the pineapples occupy more than 6500 acres. Six years ago Hawaii shipped to this country 3000 cases of pineapples, sliced, crushed, grated; now she is shipping more than 400,000 cases.

SAMUEL GOMPERS MUST GO TO JAIL, SAYS COURT

John Mitchell and Frank Morrison Also Condemned.

JUDGE WRIGHT'S BITTER WORDS

Defendants Speak in Favor of a Free Press and All Give Bail For an Appeal to United States Supreme Court—Released on Bonds.

Washington, D. C.—Twelve months in jail for Samuel Gompers, president; nine months for John Mitchell, one of the vice-presidents, and six months for Frank Morrison, secretary of the American Federation of Labor, was the sentence imposed by Justice Daniel Thew Wright, of the Supreme Court of the District of Columbia, for contempt of court in violating the order of Justice Gould, of the same court, enjoining them from placing on the "unfair" or "we don't patronize list" the Bucks Stove and Range Company, of St. Louis. An appeal was taken to the Court of Appeals, of the District of Columbia, and the labor leaders were released under bonds. The next and last appeal lies in the United States Supreme Court.

The injunction was issued on the ground that the boycott if in restraint of interstate commerce was a violation of the Sherman Anti-Trust law.

While the present case has resulted in jail sentences for labor leaders for contempt of court, prosecutions of trust magnates have never brought about any more serious penalties than fines.

The wife and daughter of Gompers and a number of labor leaders from various parts of the country saw the defendants receive sentence at the bar of court. Gompers' family seemed deeply affected.

Gompers wept as he heard his condemnation. Both Mitchell and Morrison seemed stunned.

Asked whether he had anything to say why sentence should not be pronounced, Gompers made a quiet but impassioned speech to the bench. Mitchell and Morrison confined themselves to an endorsement. Gompers said: "I am not conscious at any time during my life of having violated any law of the country or of the State in which I live. I would not consciously violate a law now or at any time during my full life. It is not possible that under the circumstances which I am before Your Honor this morning and after listening to the opinion which you have rendered to say that which I have in mind, but, sir, I may be permitted to say this: That freedom of speech and freedom of the press has not been granted to the people to say the things which please, but the right to say the things that displease even though they do a wrong."

The decision of Justice Wright, which consumed two hours and twenty minutes in the reading, was one of the most scathing arraignments ever heard in any court.

Justice Wright is from Ohio, an appointee of President Roosevelt. He sent a negro lawyer to jail about two years ago because he refused to answer questions. Justice Wright was overruled, but the lawyer had no redress for the several months he spent in jail.

Following an exhaustive discussion of the conspiracies in restraint of trade, Justice Wright said:

"From the foregoing it ought to seem apparent to thoughtful men that the defendants to the bill, each and all of them, have combined together for the purpose of

"(1) Bringing about the breach of plaintiff's existing contracts with others;

"(2) Depriving plaintiff of property (the value of the good will of its business) without due process of law;

"(3) Restraining trade among the several States;

"(4) Restraining commerce among the several States."

$40,000 TRAIN ROBBER CAUGHT.

George T. Frankhauser is Identified by a Bertillon Expert.

St. Paul, Minn.—George T. Frankhauser, alias "Ed." Smith, alias Frank Hauser, believed by Chief of Police O'Connor and James Murnane, Bertillon expert, to be the man who, with a companion, held up and robbed the Oriental limited train on the Great Northern Railroad, near Rondo, Mont., on September 9, 1907, of about $40,000, is under arrest at Moorhead, Minn. Rewards aggregating $13,000 have been offered for his capture and conviction.

After the robbery two men said to be the bandits were arrested on October 25, 1907, in Spokane. They were taken to Helena, where they broke jail on March 20. Since then they have been hunted throughout the country. Frankhauser was arrested several weeks ago in Moorhead on a petit larceny charge. On information furnished the St. Paul police, Murnane went to Moorhead and identified Frankhauser by means of the Bertillon system as one of the men who escaped from Helena.

To Merge All Lake Unions.

A movement was launched for an amalgamation of all labor unions on the great lakes at a secret conference of national officers in Cleveland, Ohio. It is planned to fight the Lake Carriers' Association.

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ANNOUNCEMENT.

About the first of the New Year the ITEM will commence the publication of a series of articles of a historic character which will be of general interest to the people who have been or are residents of Huntingdon county, and especially to those residing, or who have resided, in the section between Jack's mountain and the Raystown branch. These articles will be the result of much research and are being prepared at considerable expense. They will be worthy of preservation and a copy should be in every home in Union, Cass and Tod townships, and adjacent territory. The publication of these articles will continue during the greater part of the year 1909, and may not be concluded until some time in the year 1910.

We advise every family to get and preserve a copy of these articles. You can get them, and all the local and general news by subscribing for THE MAPLETON ITEM.

FARMERS NEED HELP.

Several Have Been Furnished Workmen Through Altoona Agency.

The Citizens' Employment and Relief association, the organization formed during the past month with the purpose in view of finding employment for the unemployed of the city, has found an outlet for some of the numerous demands by men for work, says the Altoona Tribune.

It comes from the farms of Blair and Huntingdon counties, where the farmers have had considerable trouble in securing men to assist them in tilling the soil. The season is now approaching when they will need more men and some of the farmers are beginning to take advantage of the association as a source through which to secure help. Several have already secured men through the agency and others can find good workmen who are willing to go back to the farm for to earn a living.

There has been little demand for workmen at the association headquarters and it caused a little surprise the other day when a farmer from Huntingdon county made a request for a man who was willing to work on the farm. The place was soon filled and later an Elderado farmer secured a man in a similar manner.

Others have made requests of Miss Taylor, the secretary in charge at headquarters to secure men for farm work and it is expected that a number will be sent to the country to work. Since the farmers are making a demand for workmen the association will send inquiries out through Blair and adjoining counties with a view of finding employment for men on farms.

To Stop Hog Cholera.

With a new serum that is an antitoxin against hog cholera the Missouri Agricultural college guarantees the state legislature that with an appropriation of $45,000 a year it will save the farmers of Missouri from $1,000,000 to $5,000,000 annually.

The hog cholera serum was discovered by Dr. M. Dorset, of the United States department of agriculture, but it was perfected and made practical by Dr. J. W. Connoway, of the Missouri Agricultural College, and that institution announces that hogs will be made immune against hog cholera. Thus the spread of the disease from one herd to a whole neighborhood can be stopped.

The blood serum is drawn from the tail of the hog. The operation can be repeated until the tail is entirely gone. Then the hog will be killed and all the serum in its body will be drawn off.

Curfman—Heck.

George A. Curfman, the popular stage-coachman between Cassville and Mapleton, and Miss Carrie Viola Heck, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. D. H. Heck, of Union township, were united in marriage at Huntingdon on December 24, 1908, the ceremony being performed at the parsonage of the First M. E. church by the pastor, Rev. J. S. Souser. The happy couple enjoyed a wedding trip to Pittsburg, returning home Monday evening. They will reside at Cassville.

The Remarkable Illuminating Qualities of Acetylene.—A Revolution in Metal Working.

A reprint and revision of Bulletin No. 57 of the State Department of Agriculture of Pennsylvania has been issued by the Department of Chemistry of the Pennsylvania State College, under the authorship of George Gilbert Pond, Ph.D. The whole subject of Calcium Carbide and Acetylene is covered most thoroughly without the use of technical language, and the book contains complete and authoritative information, so simply told that the public generally will find the book not only instructive but extremely interesting.

The use of Acetylene commercially is an evolution covering ten or twelve years. The rapid strides which the new illuminant has made, especially in country homes, is making it a formidable competitor for favor wherever illumination is required.

The spectral analysis of the light shows it to be a practical duplication of sunlight, so that colors have their true value when illuminated by this brillant gas. Recently the use of Acetylene for the headlights of automobiles, its adoption by the Government for beacon lights, lighthouses, forts and Indian schools, has given Acetylene new impetus.

Professor Pond has shown that the dweller in the country home can secure this excellent illuminant at a cost which compares, to the advantage of Acetylene, with city gas when burned in the open flame burner costing a dollar per thousand cubic feet.

The Board of Engineers of the National Board of Fire Underwriters have, after a year's examination of the subject, declared that Acetylene, when installed with approved apparatus, is safer than the illuminants which it replaces, and the National Board of Fire Underwriters has revised its rules in such a manner as to encourage its more rapid introduction. Calcium Carbide, which has in some quarters been regarded as a dangerous substance, has been investigated and declared without hazard by the Fire Underwriters. These facts will come in the nature of a great surprise to many who have regarded Acetylene as dangous. In dealing with this phase of the subject, Professor Pond has given thorough information as to the safe use of Acetylene and the precautions which must be taken with this substance, the same as with any other illuminant.

An interesting phase of the subject is the remarkable use of what is known as the oxy-acetylene blow-pipe. By burning Acetylene in an atmosphere of pure oxygen, the highest temperature in chemistry is evolved, practically equaling the electric arc. A pencil of flame two or three inches long, and no larger than the barrel of a fountain pen, can be drawn across a piece of sheet metal and literally melts the metal in two. The process can be reversed and sheet metal, iron, brass, copper, aluminum and in fact any of the ordinary metals can be literally melted together and, curiously, the joint is so perfectly formed that a file will not disclose the point of fracture. Bridge girders have been cut with great rapidity, and it is stated that this simple pencil of flame promises a revolution in the methods of metal working establishments.

Another curious phase of the subject is the fact that Calcium Carbide at certain temperatures has the power of fixing the nitrogen of the air and in this way will produce a fertilizer called cyanamide, which is found equal to the Chilian nitrates. Few people realize that fifteen million dollars' worth of Chilian nitrates have been imported into this country and used by the farmers here during the past year.

Calcium Carbide is a rock-like substance produced by melting together lime and coke in the electric furnace. It is not affected by any substance except water, and when brought in contact with water it gives off rapidly the gas known as Acetylene.

The Bulletin on Calcium Carbide and Acetylene can be had free by application, accompanied by six cents postage, to the Department of Chemistry, The Pennsylvania State College, State College, Pa.

Report of Railroad School

Report of Railroad school for month ending December 22, 1908: Whole number in attendance, males 18, females 15. total 33; average attendance, males 13, females 12, total 25; per cent. of attendance, males 82, females 80, total 81. Those who missed no time during the month are: Maggie Skipper, Ruth Coder, Mary Harshbarger, Paul Wakefield, Clair Harshbarger and Blair Harshbarger, Visitors 3. J. L. Hetrick, teacher

Appointed Mercantile Appraiser.

D. N. Kyper, of Porter township, better known as "Doc" Kyper, was appointed mercantile appraiser by the County Commissioners at their regular session to-day. "Doc" is a hustling Republican, a competent man, and will undoubtedly make a competent officer. He will make his trip over the county in February.

ADDTIONAL PERSONAL NOTES.

—Miss Maysie C. Reed, of Lincoln, Delaware, spent Christmas as the guest of Mrs. J. M. Oswalt and daughter on Reservoir street.

—Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Yocum, who are spending the holiday week at their home in Huntingdon, took their Christmas dinner at the Clairndon.

—Mr. and Mrs. Victor Brumbaugh, of Lewistown, left for their home Sunday last after a few days' visit at his parental home on Railroad street.

—Mrs. Elliott Robley and sister and their cousin, Mrs. Leonard, of Altoona, are guests to-day of Landlord Thos. Grady and wife of the Clairndon.

—Ross Beale and wife, of Altoona, partook of the Christmas dinner at the home of the lady's parents, Mr. and Mrs Alfred Brumbaugh, on Railroad street.

—Miss Myrtle Wright, assistant to the principal of the Juniata high school, is spending the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. George W. Wright.

—Mr. George Spanogle, of Huntingdon, was in town Christmas day in the capacity of Santa to his grandchildren at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Winfield Hack.

—Harry L. Robley, of Altoona, a freight engineer on the middle division, was registered at Hotel Clairndon yesterday, being the guest of his sister, Mrs. Thomas Grady.

—Levi Johnson, of Shavers Creek valley, spent last Thursday in Mapleton. About February 1st, Mr. Johnson and family will remove to Manhattan, Kansas, where he will follow the pursuit of farmer.

—John G. Hooper, the son of Mrs. Mary J. Hooper, of Huntingdon, who is attending a law school at Detroit, Michigan, was in town to-day visiting his sister, Mrs. Lou A. Dell.

—H. H. Swope and wife, M. L. Rex and wife, Mrs. A. T. Coder, Mrs. Belle Barkley, Elbe Coder and Mrs. Mollie Bumgardner were the people from this vicinity who attended the funeral of Mrs. Ellen Swope at Orbisonia last Friday.

—L. M. Dell and daughter entertained at dinner on Christmas, his mother Mrs. Nancy Dell and his brother Harry Dell, of Union township; his brother J. Quincy Dell and wife, of Cass; Newton Brown and family and Mrs. B. R. Shore and two sons, of Mapleton.

—George Hughes and daughter, Miss Lena, of Juniata, spent Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Fields. Miss Lena makes her home with Mr. and Mrs. Fields but for several weeks past had been at Juniata receiving special treatment for nervous affection.

—Messrs. Clyde and Buell Oswalt visited their mother and sister over Christmas. The young men have been in business at Boswell, Somerset county, during the past year and their many friends in the village were glad to again see them, and to note how time developes the boys into men who are able to take up the duties of life as they come.

—Nathan Swedlow, of Norfolk, Virginia, who had been employed in Shapiro Bros.' department store for several months past has resigned his position and will enter the employ of Joseph Bros. at Everett. Mr. Thorn, of Orbisonia, has succeeded to the position with Messrs. Shapiro and will remain in charge until the business is closed out at this point.

—Robert A. Ramsey was in town today in the interests of the Huntingdon Daily New Era. Mr. Ramsey is a veteran school teacher of this county, but owing to the fact that he was a victim of whooping cough at the beginning of the school year he was obliged to desist from teaching and now that he has recovered has has taken up a new line of work. We are pleased to see him looking so well.

—Mr. and Mrs. A. Wesley Wright, of Colfax, were entertained at the home of their son George W. Wright in Mapleton on Christmas. During the afternoon the Mapleton band gave a concert in front of the Wright residence on Grant street much to the enjoyment of the family and their honored guests. Time deals gently with these venerable people and we trust they may be spared to enjoy many more anniversaries of the birth of the Christchild.

—Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Hatfield celebrated the pearl or thirtieth anniversary of their marriage last Friday evening. A number of friends from abroad who were guests at their home and others from the villiage helped them enjoy the social event. The Mapleton cornet band rendered a serenade about nine o'clock, when the bride and groom of thirty years made their appearance on the front porch of their beautiful home, much to the pleasure of those in attendance as well as the many friends who accompanied the musicians. Mr. and Mrs. Hatfield have been identified with the progress and social activity of our village during the whole of their married life and have the respect and good wishes of the entire community, who hope they may enjoy many such anniversaries.

—Ernest Hooper spent Christmas with relatives in Altoona.

—John Heck and family spent Christmas with friends at Three Springs.

—V. S. Godard, of Altoona, spent a few hours among friends in town to-day.

—Charles Mader, of Harrisburg, was a guest of David Hawk's family on Christmas.

—Foster Bell, of Altoona, spent Xmas at the home of his parents, E. E. Bell and wife.

—Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Henderson, of Altoona, spent Christmastide with friends in town.

—Truant Officer G. B. M. Potts is spending the holiday week with friends in Altoona.

—Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Yetter, of Lack, spent Christmas with their son, Frank Yetter.

—Mr. and Mrs. James Ingram, of Juniata, were guests of R. C. Fields and wife on Christmas.

—Miss Elizabeth Wilson, of Greensburg, enjoyed Christmastide at her parental home in Mapleton.

—J. Lee Rex, wife and son, of Altoona, were Christmas day visitors among relatives in Mapleton.

—J. C. Barndollar, a prominent lumber dealer of Everett, was a visitor to Mapleton last Saturday.

—Mrs. Elmer Corbin and two daughters, of Pittsburgh, are guests of Mrs. Hattie Wood this week.

—Miss Edith Wood, of Everett, spent her Christmas vacation with her parents Mr. and Mrs. T. M. Wood.

—M. L. Neice and daughters Bessie and Viola visited friends at Pittsburgh during the latter part of last week.

—Miss Elmira Rhoades, of Huntingdon is spending this week with Mrs. John McHugh and other friends in town.

—E. L. Buchanan, wife and two children visited during the week with Mrs. B.'s parents near McConnellstown.

—Miss Ida Dunn, of Pittsburgh, was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Grady at Hotel Clairndon Saturday and Sunday last.

—James Buchanan and family enjoyed Christmas with his brother Albert Buchanan and wife near Ryde in Mifflin county.

HUNTINGDON AND BROAD TOP RAILROAD.

On and after Monday, June 29, 1903, trains will arrive and depart as follows:

SOUTH			NORTH	
Expr's A M	Mail P M	STATIONS	Mail A M	F Line P M
8 35	5 56	Huntingdon	11 10	5 15
8 45	6 05	McConnellstown	11 00	5 05
8 50	6 09	Grafton	10 56	5 00
8 55	6 14	Brumbaugh	10 51	4 55
8 59	6 18	Marklesburg	10 47	4 51
9 06	6 25	Entriken	10 40	4 44
9 11	6 30	Beaver	10 35	4 39
9 16	6 35	Cove	10 30	4 34
9 27	6 46	Saxton	10 20	4 23
9 31	6 50	Clark	10 15	4 18
9 39	6 58	Riddlesburg	10 08	4 11
9 44	7 02	Hopewell	10 04	4 07
9 56	7 16	Cypher	9 56	3 59
10 07	7 19	Tatesville	9 46	3 50
10 17	7 27	Everett	9 38	3 43
10 20	7 30	Mt. Dallas	9 35	3 40
10 43	7 50	Bedford	9 15	3 20
11 35	8 35	Hyndman	8 28	2 30
12 05	9 05	Cumberland	8 00	2 00

Sunday train leaves Huntingdon at 8.35 a. m and returning 5.30 p. m.

SHOUP'S BRANCH.

SOUTH		NORTH
Expr's A M	STATIONS	Expr's P M
9 35	Saxton	4 00
9 50	Coalmont	3 45
	Crawford	
10 05	Dudley	3 30

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Time Table in effect February 3, 1908.

SOUTHWARD.	No. 8. A. M.	No. 2. A. M.	No. 6. A. M.	pNo. . M.
Mount Union . . Leave	. . .	10 00	11 25	8 35
Mount Union Yard . .	. . .	s10 05	s11 30	s 4 40
*Aughwick Mills . . .	. . .	f10 17	f11 42	f 4 52
Shirley	. . .	s10 30	s11 55	s 5 05
Orbisonia . . . . Arrive	. . .	10 45	12 10	5 20
Orbisonia . . . . Leave	5 30	10 55	1 45	5 30
*Pogue	s 5 40	f11 05	f 1 55	f 5 40
Three Springs	s 5 50	s11 20	s 2 10	s 5 55
Saltillo	s 5 58	s11 28	s 2 25	s 6 03
*Cole's	f 6 30	f12 00	f 2 55	f 6 35
Rocky Ridge	f 6 37	f12 07	f 3 02	f 6 42
Cook's	f 6 45	f12 14	f 3 09	f 6 49
Robertsdate . . Arrive	7 00	12 25	3 20	00
	A. M	P. M.	P. M.	P.

NORTHWARD.	No. 1. A. M.	No. 5. A. M	No. 3 P. M.	No. 7. P. M.
Robertsdale . . . Leave	7 00	8 25	1 35	4 25
Cook's	f 7 10	f 8 35	f 1 45	f 4 35
Rocky Ridge	f 7 17	f 8 42	f 1 52	f 4 42
*Coles	f 7 22	f 8 47	f 1 57	f 4 47
Saltillo	s 7 50	f 9 15	s 2 25	s 5 13
Three Springs	s 7 58	f 9 23	s 2 33	s 5 21
*Pogue	f 8 10	† 9 35	f 2 45	s 5 40
Orbisonia	s 8 35	s10 10	s 3 10	5 55
Shirley	s 8 50	s10 30	s 3 25	. . .
*Aughwick	f 9 00	†10 40	f 3 35	. . .
Mount Union Yard . .	s 9 15	s10 55	s 3 50	. . .
Mount Union . . Arrive	9 20	11 00	3 55	. . .
	A. M.	A. M.	P. M.	P. M.

SHADE GAP BRANCH.

SOUTHWARD			NORTHWARD	
No. 12 P M.	No. 10. A. M.	STATIONS.	No. 9. A. M.	No. 11. P. M.
5 25	7 35	Lv. Orbisonia. Ar	8 25	6 20
5 33	f 7 41	*Blacklog	f 8 19	f 6 13
f 5 41	f 7 48	*Cedar Rock	f 8 12	f 6 05
f 5 44	f 7 50	*Locke Valley	f 8 10	f 6 02
5 50	7 55	Ar Shade Gap Lv	8 05	5 55

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R. S. SEIBERT, President. C. H. KETCHAM, General Manager.

The county superintendent of Indiana county selected Christmas week for holding the county institute which interfered very greatly with the holiday plans of many teachers, and there were strong protests against holding the sessions at that time. But the school boards of the county, stood by the superintendent after it was explained that the time was selected so as to secure Governor Johnson, of Minnesota as one of the lecturers, and the attendance of teachers was large

Ambitious young men and ladies should learn telegraphy; for, since the new 8-hour law became effective there is a shortage of many thousand telegraphers. Positions pay from $50 to $70 per month to beginners. The National Telegraph Institute, of Philadelphia, Pa., and five other cities is operated under supervision of R. R. officials and all students are placed when qualified. Write them for particulars,

MARRIED.

ARNOLD—PICKEL.—At the residence of Harry Green on Sheridan street, Mapleton. Thursday, December 24, 1908, by A. W. Swope, J. P., George W. Arnold and Elsie H. Pickel, both of Mapleton.

HOFFMAN—BOLLINGER — At the Leister House, Huntingdon, December 23, 1908, by Rev. T. F. Myers, Charles Hoffman and Miss Nora Bollinger, both of Orbisonia.

NEARHOOD—BORST—At Birmingham, December 24, 1908, by Rev. Gray, Mr. G. Melville Nearhood and Miss Esther Borst, both of Spruce Creek.

DIED.

McCOMB—At Scottdale, Pa., December 6, 1908, of Bright's disease, Milton A. McComb, a native of Huntingdon county, aged 53 years.

VARNER—At Brooklyn, New York, December 23, 1908, of paralysis, Mrs. Annie Varner, formerly of Huntingdon, aged 60 years.

BUMGARDNER—At Johnstown, December 22, 1908, of pulmonary tuberculosis, Miss Annie Bumgardner, aged 43 years, Deceased was a sister of Mrs. Mack Sponeybarger, of Juniata township and the remains were brought to the home of her sister and interred in Hawn's cemetery.

DECKER—At Mt. Vernon, Ohio, December 26, 1908, of paralysis, Robert Allison Decker, a native of Huntingdon, aged 75 years, 10 months and 4 days. Interment at Huntingdon.

GREENE—At Orbisonia, December 16, 1908, of congestion of the brain, Benjamin F. Greene, aged 69 years.

NOTICE.

NOTICE is hereby given that an application was filed in the office of the Secretary of Internal Affairs of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, on the 4th day of May. 1908, by I. Newton Foust, of Mill Creek, Pa., for warrant to survey a vacant island located in the Juniata river, opposite the borough of Mill Creek in the county of Huntingdon, containing three acres and eighty-one perches of unimproved land.

JAMES H. CRAIG,
Deputy Secretary of Internal Affairs.
Harrisburg, Pa., December 16, 1908.

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PENNSYLVANIA CRIES FOR BETTER ROADS.

Concerted Movement Seeking Suitable Legislation is Now Well Under Way. Three Bills Pending.

One of the problems of foremost importance to be considered by the next Legislature is that of roads—their construction, ownership, and maintenance, and the funds necessary to partially or wholly effect widespread improvements to miles and miles of highways now in existence. There has long been a demand for better roads, but until recently there has been little or no concerted movement aiming toward that end.

Today, however, matters are different, for in addition to the efforts of numerous individuals scattered all over the State, several thousand township commissioners, road supervisors, and burgesses, and the mayors of a score or more of the larger cities in Pennsylvania have joined hands and are striving to secure the passage of legislation which will take care of the entire subject.

To the Pennsylvania Motor Federation belongs the credit of organizing this army of township and borough officials, and in the event of either or all of three proposed good roads bills becoming law, credit will again be due the Federation because its members drafted the measures.

The management of the campaign however, has in reality been entrusted to one man, J. H. Weeks, a Philadelphia business man, who resides in Delaware county. Mr. Weeks is chairman of the Good Roads Committee of the Federation, and as such he has been abundantly active during the past year. Moreover his endeavors are surrounded by an atmosphere of sincerity which lends assurance to the undertaking.

Some time ago Mr. Weeks conceived the idea of enlisting the united support of the commissioners and supervisors and promptly he began putting his plan into execution. With John A. Wilson, of Franklin, a fellow-member of his committee, Mr Weeks went to Harrisburg and interviewed Governor Stuart on the matter. What encouragement they received from the Chief Executive neither would state but within the space of a few days the chairman had printed three circular letters outlining the plan of procedure and appealing for help. These letters were addressed respectively to about 6,000 township commissioners and road supervisors. 1,000 burgesses and the mayors of thirty of the principal cities, asking these officials to procure every signature possible in their respective communities to two accompanying petitions to State Senators and Representatives.

These petitions ask the members of the Legislature to support three separate good roads bills in the next session and also to appropriate a sum of not less than $3,000,000 for use under existing laws. The first of the proposed bills provides for a constitutional amendment authorizing the issuance of a $5,000,000 bond for highway improvement. The second asks for an appropriation of not less than $5,000,000 for immediate use, and also for the appointment by the Governor of a State board who shall designate the location of main State highways to be constructed and maintained by the State as well as to determine where the State aid system shall be applied, and provides that such board shall be authorized to purchase certain toll roads. The remaining measure provides for the application of preservatives to stone roads constructed by State aid. The revenues necessary to carry out the last-named plan are to be derived from motor vehicle license fees. Up to this writing, Chairman Weeks says, he has encountered very few instances where those called on for assistance have failed to comply.

In speaking of the large requisitions upon the State Treasury, Chairman Weeks said:—

"It will take five years to obtain an amendment to the Constitution, whereby the $50,000,000 bond may be issued, even under the most favorable circumstances, and it is because of this fact that the second bill was drafted by the Federation asking for an immediate appropriation of $5,000,000. This will give us an opportunity to secure a partial improvement of the State's bad roads now, inasmuch as it can be passed immediately under the present laws.

The circular letters referred to are much the same in tenor, though certain paragraphs differ slightly, because of the difference in official position of the three classes of individuals addressed. Each states in part:—

"We want good roads throughout this State and I take it for granted that there are thousands of board-minded men in Pennsylvania who are just as anxious as we are to see these improved highways come about. We ought to have roads such as they have in New York, Massachusetts, Connecticut, New Jersey and other States. Our committee is making the most strenuous effort ever made and we need your help.

"The main highway bill which we are advocating will eliminate one of the greatest evils of the present patchwork system in the State aid roads, insuring the locating of these roads where they will go from 'somewhere to somewhere,' instead of from 'nowhere to nowhere,' as at present. At the same time it will enable us to construct at once over 500 miles of roads at the expense of the State, without waiting for the $50,000,000 loan, which cannot be available until 1918."

Burglars Routed.

Last Thursday night somewhat of a sensation was sprung on the citizens by the blowing of the Juniata Works' whistle at the midnight hour. This whistle is the fire alarm, and soon brought a number of men to inquire the cause of trouble, which proved to be an attempted burglary at the general store of G. W. Wright. The night watchman at the works, Mr. Clarence Coder, had allowed a couple of tramps to warm themselves at the fire in the works. He noticed the "Knights of the road" seemed to be interested on the outside, they going out one at a time and on returning would converse in an undertone with each other. After a while they both left together and Mr. Coder thought it would be policy to take a stroll around the works and see that everything was O. K. When he went to go out he was met at the door by one of the tramps and told that he was not wanted on the outside. This convinced Mr. Coder that all was not right and he made use of his pistol to impress on the gentlemen outside that he did not propose to allow any such interference with his duties, and at once blew the alarm whistle, which seemed to be understood by the marauders who at once took to the track. Investigation showed that they were making preparation to enter the store of G. W. Wright, having placed in front of the door several boxes to enable them to reach the transom of the main door.

Concrete Telegraph Poles.

In continuance of the declared policy of the Pennsylvania railroad system to provide against timber scarcity, the lines west of Pittsburg have just completed and placed in experimental service a line of concrete telegraph poles through New Brighton, Pa. Its construction followed a series of elaborate experiments which have been conducted during the past two years.

Owing to the fact that wooden poles are constantly becoming more expensive and more difficult to obtain, the Pennsylvania in 1906, began to test the value of concrete as a substitute for wood. Fifty-three reinforced concrete poles were set up in the line along the Pittsburg, Fort Wayne and Chicago railway, near Maples, Ind. A year later they were giving entire satisfaction and showed no evidence of decay.

According to experiments made so far it is thought that a concrete telegraph pole will last for many generations, thereby doing away with the frequent changes necessary with wooden poles. Much importance is also attached to the increased strength of the new poles, which hold the strain of the line, even or curves, without any braces.

The poles at New Brighton are of graceful proportions, being about thirty feet long, fourteen inchs in diameter at the bottom and six inches at the top. Their general appearance is particularly pleasing on account of the uniformity in size, shape and color.

News of the Churches.

METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH, Rev. J. H. Ake, pastor—Prayer Meeting every Wednesday evening at 7.00 o'clock, led by the pastor.

Schedule for services Sunday, January 3rd: Sunday school 9.30, special meeting of I. N. Swope's class at close of Sunday school. All members of this class are earnestly requested to be present at this meeting.

Preaching in the evening at 7 o'clock by the pastor.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, Rev. Edwin A Snook, pastor—Prayer meeting every Thursday evening at 7 o'clock.

Sabbath services as follows: Sabbath school 9.30 and preaching at 10.30 a. m., Christian endeavor at 6.15 p. m.

UNITED BRETHREN CHURCH, Rev. G. R. Alban, pastor.—Prayer meeting every Wednesday evening at 7.00 o'clock. M. F. Robley, leader.

Services for Sunday, January 3, 1908: Sunday school 9.30 and preaching at 10.45 a m.; Young People's society at 6.00 and prayer meeting at 7.00 p. m.

Everybody welcome to all the services of the church.

Report of Latta Grove School.

Following is the report of Latta Grove school for 3rd month ending Monday, December 28, 1908: Whole number enrolled, males 8, females 10, total 18; average attendance for the month, males 7, females 10, total 17; per cent. of attendence, males 92, females 97, total 95. Those who missed no time during the month are: Arthur Dell, Homer Stever, Frank Dell, Elda Dell, Malva Dell, Maud Stever, Furman Bowman, Mabel Dell, Daisy Bowman, Elsie Wilmore, Maude Bowman, and Carrie Bowman. Visitors 8. D. H. Dell, teacher.

CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR.

Prayer Meeting Topic For the Week Beginning Jan. 3, 1909.

By REV. S. H. DOYLE.

Topic.—The duty of making good resolutions.—Acts xi, 19-23; Josh. xxiv, 14-25. (Consecration meeting.)

The advisability of making good resolutions, especially at the beginning of a new year, has for a long time been debated. In many quarters such resolutions have been made the subjects of jest and of joke. Nevertheless they continue year after year, which demonstrates that deep down in the human heart there is something good and that there are times when the good rises above the evil and asserts its purpose to reign supreme in the heart and life. No one truly interested in the best good of mankind can afford to mock at such a condition or to deny the power of such experiences in the life of man. If kept for but a time some good is always accomplished, and if kept permanently the good is eternal and usually results in the salvation of the soul. The expediency and profit of good resolutions cannot therefore be denied. But the topic goes still further and declares that the making of good resolutions is a duty, a debt, an obligation owed to ourselves and to our God. This also is true and capable of being proved.

1. Good resolutions are a duty because they are absolutely necessary to moral and spiritual advancement. No bad habit can be broken unless we first resolve to break it. No advancement can be made in the spiritual life without our determining that we will advance. The prodigal son was in a far country, facing a disastrous situation—starvation. In his father's house there was plenty. He desired to go home and resolved that he would go. "I will arise and go to my father." He kept his resolution, for "he arose and went." This resolution was an essential element in his return and restoration. Without it he would have starved to death. We ought to be in the proper relation to God our Father and His house. If we are not it is our duty to resolve to become so. If we are indulging in evil habits they should be broken off, and to produce such results we must resolve in our hearts that we will do so.

2. Good resolutions are a duty because God requires them of us. God believes in good resolutions, even if some men do make light of them. We have many instances in God's word where good resolutions are set forth as a duty. Every call of God is a duty. Through Joshua He called upon Israel to resolve to give up idolatry. Through Barnabas He exhorted the Christians of Antioch to purpose or to resolve in their hearts to cleave unto the Lord. He calls upon us to choose Christ, to decide for Him, to resolve in our hearts to love and serve Him. This duty should be pressed home especially at this time of the year. Make a resolution in favor of Christ and He will help you to keep it. Resolutions based on human strength are frail indeed, but resolutions based upon divine strength are impregnable. "I can do all things through Christ, who strengtheneth me."

BIBLE READINGS.

I Kings xviii, 21; Prov. i, 10-19; ii, 1-9; Ps. cxix, 9-16, 115; Isa. i, 16-20; Luke xv, 17-20; Matt. xxvii, 21-26; Dan. i, 1-15; Acts v, 25-29.

"Doing Business."

As I turned the corner on my way home from the office one night two prominent business men of the town passed down the street. I caught just a few sentences of their conversation as they went by.

Said Mr. W., "Eighteen cars this afternoon."

"Must be making money," suggested Mr. B. And Mr. W.'s reply was characteristic and highly suggestive: "Oh, just doing business. That's the real thing. Making money is only incidental."

I had been "dreaming Christian Endeavor" the whole half mile from the office, and this fragment of a conversation fitted right into my thinking. Pity 'tis that we ever measure any kind of Christian work, and particularly Christian Endeavor work, by the standard of the profit in dollars and cents. The question of the Christ was, "Wist ye not that I must be about My Father's business?"

For shame that we ever say regarding any Christian work we might do: "I won't go on that mission. There isn't any money in it."

Let me paraphrase my friend's sentence: "Doing business for God is the real thing. All else is incidental."

Busy as time for Him I'll be
Till I rest in the rest of eternity.

—John R. Clements in Christian Endeavor World.

A Convention In Punjab.

A Christian Endeavor convention was recently held at Gujranwala, Punjab, India, 460 people being present, and of these 146 were delegates from several Church of Scotland missions. The reports were interesting and full of promise, and the singing to the accompaniment of drums was bright and hearty. A number of those who took part in the meeting came from the despised native classes. For the first time in a large conference ordinary village workers were among the speakers and proved themselves more than worthy.

Christian Fellowship.

Christian Endeavor has had great influence in shifting the emphasis from our denominational differences to the points in which we agree. May this go on!—James Lewis Howe, Ph. D., Professor in Washington and Lee University.

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THE GRANGE

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PENNSYLVANIA STATE GRANGE

The Next Annual Meeting to Be Held at Altoona In December.

The next annual meeting of the Pennsylvania state grange will be held in Altoona in December. The full corps of officers will be elected for a term of two years. State Master Hill is working hard to make the membership of that state 100,000. In a recent address he said:

"Among the fraternal organizations there is none more potent than the grange. It came into existence forty-one years ago to fill a want. It continues to live and gain in strength and influence because it meets the social, educational, political and financial needs existing throughout the country today. Farmers in Pennsylvania rely upon the grange now as never before, and this nonpartisan, nonsectarian organization never hesitates to assume leadership for the betterment of farm conditions and the development of strong rural citizenship."

A correspondent writing of grange work in Pennsylvania says that the grange is making very satisfactory growth in that state. Since the last state grange meeting twenty-one new granges have been organized and six dormant ones reorganized and one Pomona organized. The initiations in the old granges are fully equal to any period during the year. He further said:

"We are a good deal worked up over the question of representation in the national grange, and no less so at the arbitrary way in which the national grange authorities dictate as to where the Order shall be planted and where not. That states which do not have as many granges in them all told as we have organized since the 1st of January shall go to the next national grange meeting and have as much to say as we shall is un-American and unfair. If the Order is to continue to grow in this state there must be justice done. If the strong states will stand together in the matter it can be done peaceably. The fact is it must be done, and the sooner those who stand in the way become convinced of that fact the better."

NEW YORK GRANGES.

Some Newsy Notes of the Work In the Empire State.

There are eight juvenile granges in the state. There should be more.

Grange fairs are increasing in number every year in New York state.

Jefferson and Lewis county Pomonas have each established a scholarship in the Canton Agricultural school.

In the thirty-five subordinate granges of Oswego county the lecturer's office in twenty-seven is held by a woman.

At the "old home" celebration at Middletown, N. Y., Walkill grange won the first prize, $50, for the best decorated float; Wawayanda the second, $40; Goshen the third, $30.

"In Old New England" is the title of a new comedy drama written by Harry M. Doty, formerly a member of the Chatham (N. Y.) grange, now editor of a live weekly in Connecticut. It has just been published by J. W. Darrow of Chatham, N. Y.

George P. Hampton of New York, who as a member of the grange did so much to bring about denatured alcohol legislation, is to have a large exhibit of appliances for using denatured alcohol at the meeting of the national grange in Washington in November.

Recently a man went through the town of Farmington, N. Y., selling Red Wave wheat for seed at $5 a bushel, taking orders for about fifty bushels. At a meeting of Farmington grange it was brought out that the same wheat could be bought of a near-by dealer for $1.75. Many farmers now members of the Order were victimized.

Delegates to Pomona.

In one of the Pomona grange meetings held recently in New York state a resolution was adopted making the Pomona meeting a delegated body—that is, delegates were to be elected by the subordinate granges in proportion to their membership. There was some doubt about the constitutionality of this proceeding, and the state master was consulted. He advised that the Pomona is not a delegated body and cannot be made such without amending the constitution. This item may be of interest to other granges in the state.

New Hampshire grange recently tried to determine "the value of a kicker in the world's progress." There is more to that question than would appear on the surface.

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BRIBERY ARRESTS IN PITTSBURG'S COUNCIL

Seven Lawmakers Charged by Voters' League With Corruption.

ACCUSED BLOCKED REFORMS

Mayor Guthrie Set Trap For Bribing Ring—Aided by Civic League, He Sought Evidence Following Hold-Ups of Ordinances.

Pittsburg.—Pittsburg was stirred by the arrest of seven members of the Finance Committee of Common and Select Councils and the president and cashier of a local bank on charges of bribery and the alleged corruption of members of Council in the passage of various kinds of legislation during the last two years. The men were released on bonds ranging from $15,000 to $30,000.

The Councilmen arrested are: Joseph G. Wasson, Jr., W. H. Melaney, Jacob Soffel, Jr., Captain John F. Klein, T. O. Atkinson, William Brand and Hugh Ferguson. Brand is president of the Common Council.

The bankers arrested are W. W. Ramsey, president, and A. A. Vilsack, cashier, of the German National Bank of Pittsburg. It is alleged that on June 2, 1908, they gave $17,500 to the Councilmen to induce them to continue the German National as depository of city funds. It is said that other banks will be attacked. Bail was fixed at $15,000 in each case.

The informations were made by Tensard De Wolfe, secretary of the Civic League of Allegheny County. He was until recently a newspaper reporter.

The charges against Wasson, Klein and Brand contain two counts of the same charge. Each Councilman was held under $15,000 bail on each charge, so that these three had each to put up $30,000 bail.

The attorneys who are back of the charges are Patterson, Acheson & Sterritt; Willis F. McCook, William B. Rodgers, Mayor George B. Guthrie and A. Leo Weil. They represent the Civic League and will prosecute the cases.

It is alleged in the charges that the Councilmen "wickedly, corruptly and unlawfully give and offer to give money and other rewards and bribes in order to obtain and influence the vote of a number of members of the Select and Common Councils of Pittsburg to secure passage by the members of the Select and Common Councils of certain ordinances and resolutions pending before Councils, commonly called ordinances and resolutions designating the depositories for the funds of the city of Pittsburg, bridge ordinances, bond ordinances for freeing bridges, ordinances for filter beds, Heberton street railway ordinance, resolutions to pave Fourth avenue with wood block and other ordinances and resolutions pending before Councils."

The information states that the Councilmen have been accepting bribes and attempting to bribe other Councilmen for the last two years. Every member against whom charges have been preferred has announced his candidacy for re-election, and the names will go before the primaries in February.

Depose Bank Officers.

Pittsburg.—The German National Bank of Pittsburg issued a statement that at a meeting of the board of directors W. W. Ramsey, president, and A. A. Vilsack, cashier, both under arrest in the councilmanic bribery case, have been deposed. A. A. Frauenheim has been elected president and J. F. W. Eversman cashier to succeed them. The reason given for this move is that the bank directors "discovered that the money had been put to improper use."

AUTO KILLINGS IN CHICAGO.

Alarming Increase May Lead City Council to Take Action.

Chicago, Ill.—In the first eleven months of 1908 twenty people were killed in automobile accidents in Chicago, as compared to fifteen for the same months in 1907, while 327 people were injured, as compared to 231 for the same months in 1907. The increase of mortal accidents is thirty-three per cent., and the increase of accidents not mortal forty-one per cent.

$3,000,000 FOR KINGSTON.

British Companies Agree to Pay 85 Per Cent. of Earthquake Claims.

Kingston, Jamaica.—News received from London announces that the English insurance companies have agreed to settle all claims resulting from the earthquake and fire of January 14, 1907, on a basis of eighty-five per cent., without adjustment and including costs.

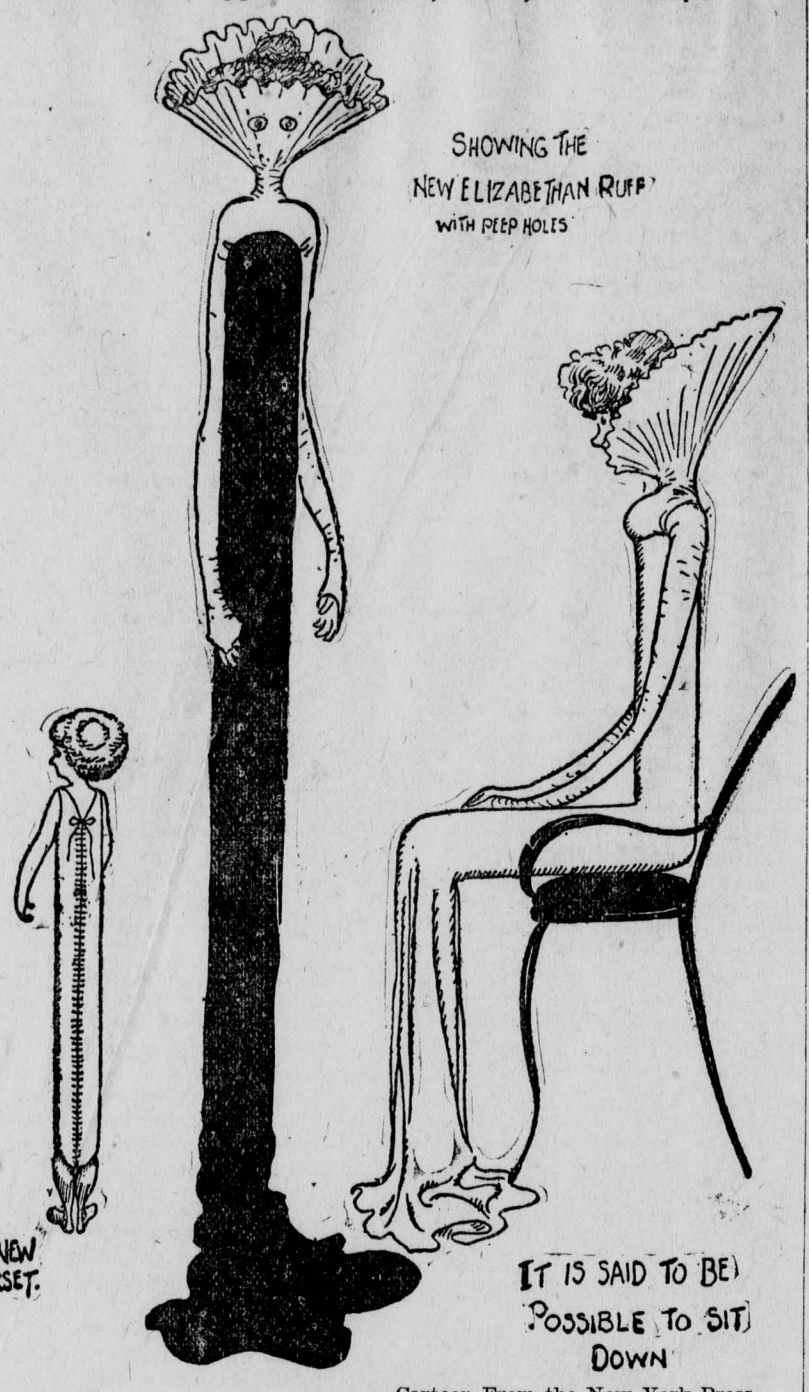
Insurers' payments on claims aggregating over $3,000,000 commenced here December 23.

$50,000,000 Telephone Issue.

A trust deed given to secure a $50,000,000 first mortgage issue of the Chicago Telephone Company was filed at Chicago. The bonds, dated December 1, this year, are to mature in fifteen years, the interest rate not to exceed five per cent. The money is to be used to extend the company's service.

FASHION'S HOROSCOPE FOR 1909

The New "Figger" is Lines, Girls, Not Lumps.



—Cartoon From the New York Press.

ASTRONOMICAL CALCULATIONS FOR 1909.

Being Until July 4th, the 133d Year of the Independence of the United States of America, and Corresponding Nearly To—

The year 1327 of the Mohammedan era, beginning January 23.
The year A. M. 8018 of the Greek Church, beginning January 14 (O. S.).
The year 4606 of the Chinese era, beginning January 22.
The year 5669-70 of the Jewish era, September 16, or at sunset September 15.
The year 2569 of the Japanese era, beginning January 22.
The year 5909 A. L. (Masonic).
The year 2662 A. U. C. (of Rome).
The year 5913 of the World (Usher).
The year 7417 of the World (Septuagint).

CHURCH DAYS AND MOVABLE FEASTS.

New Year's Day, January 1.
Conversion of St. Paul, January 25.
Purification B. V. M., February 2.
Septuagesima Sunday, February 7.
St. Valentine, February 14.
Sexagesima Sunday, February 14.
Quinquagesima Sunday, February 21.
Shrove Tuesday, February 23.
Ash Wednesday (Lent begins), February 24.
Quadragesima Sunday, February 28.
St. Patrick's Day, March 17.
Mid-Lent Sunday, March 21.
Palm Sunday, April 4.
Good Friday, April 9.
Easter Sunday, April 11.
Low Sunday, April 18.
St. George, April 23.
St. Mark, April 25.
Saints Philip and James, May 1.
Rogation Sunday, May 16.
Ascension (Holy) Thursday, May 20.
Whit-Sunday (Pentecost), May 30.
Trinity Sunday, June 6.
Corpus Christi, June 10.
St. Barnabas, June 11.
St. John the Baptist, June 24.
Saints Peter and Paul, June 29.
St. James, July 25.
Transfiguration, August 6.
St. Bartholomew, August 24.
St. Matthew, September 21.
Michaelmas (St. John and All Angels), September 29.
St. Luke, October 18.
Saints Simon and Jude, October 28.
Thanksgiving Day, November 25.
Advent Sunday, November 28.
St. Andrew, November 30.
St. Thomas, December 21.
Christmas Day, December 25.
St. Stephen, December 26.
St. John the Evangelist, December 27.
Holy Innocents, December 28.

PLANETS BRIGHTEST.

Mercury, March 3-8 and October 25-31, as a morning star, rising shortly before the Sun; also April 27 to May 3, and September 20-26, as an evening star, setting shortly after the Sun. Venus, not this year, but she will be bright in December. Mars, September 25. At this time Mars will be slightly nearer to us than in 1907, but will not again be favorably situated until 1924. Jupiter, February 28. Saturn, October 13, and Uranus, July 11.

MORNING STARS. West of Sun.	EVENING STARS. East of Sun.
Mercury, see "Planets Brightest."	Mercury, see "Planets Brightest."
Venus, until April 28.	Venus, after April 28.
Mars, until May 13.	Mars, after May 13.
Jupiter, after September 18.	Jupiter, until September 18.
Saturn, from April 3 to July 15.	Saturn, until April 3 and after July 15.
Uranus, from January 7 to April 11.	Uranus, until Jan. 7 and after April 11.

THE PLANETS.

Mercury will be brightest: (1) As an Evening Star, East of the Sun, February 20 to 28, setting about 1 h. 20 m. after the Sun, being farthest East of the Sun March 1.

(2) As a Morning Star, West of the Sun, August 18 to 28, rising about 1 h. 10 m. before the Sun, being farthest West of the Sun August 12.

There are no bright stars near where Mercury will be at the above times. Look for him near the sunset point of the horizon when an evening star and near the sunrise point when a morning star. He will be redder and brighter than any other objects in those parts. Few people ever see this planet, so rapid are his movements. This is because of his nearness to the Sun, whose overpowering light must be shut out by the horizon very perfectly even to see little Mercury when brightest.

CHRONOLOGICAL CYCLES.

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Epact—Moon's Age, Jan. 1	8	Jewish Lunar Cycle	7
Golden Number	10	Mohammedan Era, Year (Begins Jan. 23.)	1327
Solar Cycle	14		
Roman Indiction	7	Jewish Era, Year begins Sept. 16	5670
Julian Period	6622		

THE SEASONS.

Eastern Time.

			D.	H.	M.			D.	H.	M.
Winter	begins,	1908—December	22	0	25	A. M.	and lasts	89	0	35
Spring	"	1909—March	21	1	0	A. M.	" "	92	19	54
Summer	"	1909—June	21	8	54	P. M.	" "	93	14	43
Autumn	"	1909—September	23	11	37	A. M.	" "	89	18	35
Winter	"	1909—December	22	6	12	A. M.	Trop. yr.	365	5	47

LATEST NEWS. BY WIRE.

Finds $10,000 in Tomato Can.

East St. Louis, Ill.—Patrick Sullivan, an ice wagon driver, found a $10,000 bill in an old tomato can which he picked up in an alley. Conrad Beebe, cashier of the Southern Illinois National Bank, examined the bill through a microscope and said that it seemed to be genuine.

Life For Boy Matricide.

Toledo, Ohio.—After deliberating twelve hours, the jury in the case of Harvey Hazel, the seventeen-year-old boy charged with murder in the first degree for the killing of his mother, returned a verdict of murder in the second degree.

Alderman Coughlin "Not Guilty."

Chicago, Ill.—Alderman "Bathhouse" Coughlin, accused of assaulting a newspaper photographer on the night of the First Ward Democratic ball, was found not guilty.

Will Retain Bonds.

Boston, Mass.—Mrs. William Warren, of London and Boston, will retain the $250,000 of bonds given her by the late George S. Wellman while she was acting as his housekeeper, the suit by the administrator to recover having been dismissed.

Banker Commits Suicide.

Worcester, Mass.—Frank W. Cutting, for forty years with the Worcester Mechanics' Savings Bank, and for seven years its treasurer, committed suicide.

Plan Balloon Trip Across Atlantic.

Indianapolis, Ind.—Carl G. Fisher and George L. Bumbaugh plan a flight across the Atlantic Ocean in a gigantic balloon, attached to which will be twenty smaller supply bags, the gas from which may be fed into the large balloon. A boat will take the place of a basket.

Price of Turkeys Goes Up.

Chicago, Ill.—Quotations on turkeys have jumped to a jobbing price of twenty-one cents a pound, and it is estimated the cost to the consumer will be more than twenty-five cents. This is higher by nearly ten cents than the price here a year ago.

Slight San Francisco Earthquakes.

San Francisco, Cal.—Two slight earthquakes lasting less than three seconds were felt here and in the cities about the bay.

Gloom in Chicago City Hall.

Chicago, Ill.—There is a good deal of repining in the City Hall over Mayor Busse's attempt to secure a short lunch hour. One effect of his message was a tendency on the part of city employes to stay out even longer than usual. The Mayor stayed out thirty-five minutes.

New Fashion in Robbery.

Chicago, Ill.—Three men set fire to a fence about the yard of Mrs. Marie Nelson and ran to the front door to tell her of the blaze. When she hurried out to fight the fire the men entered the house and stole a $50 fur muff.

BY CABLE.

Recall of Ambassador Francis.

Vienna, Austria. — The Zeit says that Charles S. Francis, the American Ambassador to Austria-Hungary, will be recalled in February. The Zeit is the Vienna newspaper that has persistently attacked Mr. Francis, accusing the American Ambassador of having offended the society of the Austrian capital.

Portugal Has New Cabinet.

Lisbon, Portugal.—A new Cabinet has been formed by Dr. W. de S. Pereira de Lima, former Minister of Foreign Affairs. The previous Cabinet resigned because of the declaration of the Regenerator party that it would no longer support the Government.

Goes Shooting With King.

Rome, Italy.—Ambassador Griscom spent the day in shooting with King Victor Emmanuel at the hunting lodge at Castel Porziano. The King was interested in the formation of the new Cabinet in the United States.

Order to Seize Castro.

Willemstad, Curacao. — President Castro, of Venezuela, will not be permitted to return to that country. The fact became known here when officers of the Dutch battleship Jacob Heemskerk made the statement that the warships had received orders not to permit Castro to land in Venezuela, and that if he attempts to re-enter Venezuela he will be captured.

French Rights in the Congo.

Paris, France.—M. Pichon, the Foreign Minister, and M. Leghait, the Belgian Minister to France, have signed an agreement regulating France's right to preference on territories in the Belgian Congo.

Russia's Note to Powers.

St. Petersburg, Russia.—The Russian circular note to the Powers on the proposed conference to settle the situation in the Balkans has been issued. It contains the new suggestion that the Powers discuss the form of government the annexed provinces are to receive.

IN THE MARKETS

Wholesale Prices Quoted in New York

MILK.			
The Milk Exchange price for standard quality is 4c. per quart.			
BUTTER.			
Creamery—Western, extra	$ 31	@$	32½
Firsts	26	@	27
Seconds	24	@	25½
State dairy, good to choice	26	@	28
Factory, seconds to firsts	20	@	21½
BEANS.			
Marrow, 1908, choice	2 45	@ 2	47½
Medium, 1908, choice	2 25	@ 2	27½
White kidney, 1908	2 60	@ 2	65
Red kidney, 1908, choice	2 30	@ 2	35
Yellow eye, 1908, choice	2 95	@ 3	00
Pea, 1908, choice	2 30	@ 2	32½
Black turtle soup, choice	1 95	@ 2	00
Lima, Cal	2 95	@ 3	00
CHEESE.			
State, full cream	14½	@	15½
Small	—	@	14
Part skims, fair to good	7½	@	8½
Full skims	2½	@	3½
EGGS.			
Jersey—Fancy	40	@	42
State—Fair to choice	36	@	38
Western—Seconds to firsts	31	@	32½
FRUITS AND BERRIES—FRESH.			
Apples—King, per bbl	3 50	@ 5	00
Ben Davis, per bbl	3 00	@ 3	50
Greenings, per bbl	2 75	@ 4	50
Pears—Kieffer, per bbl	1 75	@ 3	50
Cranberries, C. Cod, per bbl	11 50	@13	50
Jersey, per crate	3 00	@ 3	50
LIVE POULTRY.			
Chickens, per lb	—	@	11
Fowls, per lb	—	@	12½
Roosters, per lb	—	@	8
Turkeys, per lb	10	@	16
Ducks, per lb	11	@	13
Geese, per lb	10	@	12
Pigeons, per pair	—	@	20
DRESSED POULTRY.			
Turkeys, per lb	14	@	23
Broilers, Phila., per lb	22	@	25
Fowls, per lb	10	@	14
Cocks, per lb	9½	@	10
Ducks, Western, per lb	10	@	15
Geese, Western, per lb	8	@	13½
Squabs, per dozen	1 25	@ 4	50
HAY AND STRAW.			
Hay, prime, per 100 lb	87½	@	90
Nos. 3 to 1, per 100 lb	70	@	85
Clover, per 100 lb	60	@	80
Straw, long rye, per 100 lb	85	@	95
HOPS.			
State, 1908, prime to choice	12	@	13
Medium to good	10	@	11
Pacific Coast, 1908, choice	9	@	10
Medium to good, 1907	4	@	6
VEGETABLES.			
Potatoes, L. I., per bbl	2 75	@ 2	87
Jersey, per bbl	1 90	@ 2	12
Sweets, per basket	60	@ 1	12
Tomatoes, per carrier	1 00	@ 3	25
Egg plant, per box	1 00	@ 4	00
Squash, per bbl	60	@ 1	00
Peas, per basket	1 50	@ 4	00
Peppers, per carrier	2 00	@ 4	50
Cabbages, per bbl	2 00	@ 2	50
String beans, per basket	1 00	@ 3	50
Onions, Conn., white, per bbl	2 50	@ 4	50
Orange Co., red, per bag	1 00	@ 1	62
State, red, per bag	1 25	@ 1	62
Kale, per bbl	60	@	65
Beets, per bbl	75	@ 1	00
Carrots, per bbl	60	@ 1	12
Spinach, per bbl	1 00	@ 1	25
Parsnips, per bbl	75	@ 1	00
Cucumbers, per basket	2 00	@ 3	50
Cauliflower, per bbl	1 00	@ 6	00
Lettuce, per basket	75	@ 2	00
Celery, per doz. stalks	15	@	50
Pumpkins, per bbl	50	@ 1	00
Turnips, per bbl	50	@	75
Brussels sprouts, per qt	5	@	10
Parsley, per 100 bunches	2 00	@ 3	50
Horseradish, per 100 lb	3 50	@ 4	00
Shallots, per 100 bunches	1 75	@ 2	00
Watercress, per 100 bunches	1 00	@ 1	50
GRAIN, ETC.			
Flour—Winter patents	4 75	@ 5	25
Spring patents	5 40	@ 6	50
Wheat, No. 2 red	1 07⅛	@ 1	09¼
No. 1 Northern Duluth	—	@ 1	17⅝
Corn, No. 2	64½	@	65¼
Oats, mixed	54	@	54½
Clipped white	56½	@	62
Rye, No. 2 Western	—	@	81½
Lard, city	—	@	9⅛
GAME.			
Quail, per doz	3 00	@ 3	50
Woodcock, per pair	1 00	@ 1	25
Plover, per doz	3 00	@ 3	50
Partridges, per pair	—	@ 3	50
Wild Ducks—Canvas, pair	2 00	@ 2	50
Mallard, per pair	1 25	@ 1	50
Ruddy, per pair	75	@ 1	10
Rabbits, per pair	10	@	16
Jack rabbits, per pair	40	@	50
LIVE STOCK.			
Beeves, city dressed	8	@	10½
Calves, city dressed	8	@	15
Country dressed	6	@	13
Sheep, per 100 lb	3 25	@ 4	00
Lambs, per 100 lb	7 00	@ 7	75
Hogs, live, per 100 lb	5 75	@ 6	00
Country dressed, per lb	7¼	@	8¼

ON THE SIDE OF CAUTION.

Conservative View of the Present Economic Situation in New England.

Boston, Mass.—That the swift return to booming prosperity, prophesied by impulsive people immediately after the November election, has not come in the shape predicted, all business men now know. It is not, however, necessary to construe that phase of the situation too pessimistically. As a matter of fact, no thoughtful person is discouraged because the return to pre-panic conditions is not progressing at a more rapid pace. On the contrary, it is a matter for congratulation that, considering all that now confronts the world of industry and finance, there should have been as much progress as has actually been achieved. That things are slowly shaping themselves for a substantial improvement is quite generally taken for granted. The continued heavy output of gold is an encouraging factor, and very likely, if it were not for the fear of an excessive strain on this new output by reason of national and State extravagance in two hemispheres, private industry would pick up at a fairly active rate. As it is, most persons are now inclined to believe that the industry of the world will make haste slowly for some months to come.

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Spinners Need Cotton.

Experts in this country and Europe on the world's cotton consumption say that 12,500,000 bales will be required by the world's spinners.

A HAPPY NEW YEAR.

WHAT SHALL I DO WITH MY LIFE?

A NEW YEAR'S EVE REVERIE.

WRITTEN BY REV. W. H. WEEKS
CHAPLAIN CITY HOSPITAL, NEW YORK.

I SAT before the blazing hearth; the genial warmth of an open fire charmed me into a beautiful dreamland. Memory drew upon her abyssmal resources as I sat there, coaxed into an abstraction of exquisite pleasure. Voices! I hear voices, strange voices! They speak to me: The first said, "A year ago you promised, if your life was spared to you, that you would consecrate it to God." The second asked, "Has God, to whom you made the promise, dealt with you as you have dealt with Him?" The third said, "Remove it." But the fourth asked "that it might be spared for a while longer." I cried in agony, "Spare me, good Lord."

Two Girls, Still in Their 'Teens,

passed through the room in which I sat. Full of animal life and youthful gaiety they chatted and joked and laughed; they were in a whirl of pleasure. Suddenly one of them cried, "O! O, my!" "Agnes," said her companion, "what troubles you?" but Ellen could only repeat, "O, my!" At length she said, "I promised to spend one hour with God; I must go to my room instantly. Good night, Agnes. I'll see you to-morrow." The explanation of Ellen's conduct was, her mother had been speaking to her about the beauty of a life of holiness, and she had promised her mother to spend an hour in prayer and reading the ninety-first Psalm before she retired. The chatting had almost driven it out of her mind.

Then appeared upon the scene a youth of twenty summers, of noble mien; his eye glistened with nobleness; his demeanor was pleasing; he was a picture of genuiness; his carriage was that of a

Webster or Clay or Lincoln.

As he stood in the midst of the room he addressed an invisible being: "What shall I do with my life?" Standing on its threshold, viewing the wrecks of wasted lives as they floated by out into the ocean of eternity, he repeated the question with great solemnity: "What shall I do with my life?"

Three Faces Instantly Appeared.

First that of an ox, then that of a lion, last an eagle. The ox made answer: "Eat, drink and be merry," but the young man shuddered at the thought of making a god of his appetite. Live an animal life? Nay! I was created for something nobler than a glutton; I have a soul to save. The lion proposed to make a god of genius. She offers a pedestal of eternal fame; your name shall be associated with scientists, philosophers and philanthropists.

In Her Native Dignity Sat the Eagle.

She looked at the man, then at the heaven above. Turning to the man she said, "The earth is thy lodging place; the heaven overhead is thy home; the earth's choicest treasure cannot fill thee. Thou art more than animal, more than intellect, thou art qualified for companionship with deity. Prepare!" In a moment of time there passed before me

A Panorama,

upon which was displayed all the scenes of my life from my earliest recollection. Curious and strange tracings were there. Every struggle with conscience, every striving to be good, every lofty ideal were drawn with perfect accuracy. Failures and successes, defeats and victories passed in rapid review. Never were there such noble ambitions, such possibilities and such fatal aimlessness crowded into so small a compass. The sight alarmed me and I cried, "Is it too late?"

Suddenly the Scene Changed.

The judgment was set amid a blaze of majesty and power and glory, beyond my most fertile imagination. Every human being stood before it, waiting to render an account of the life now closed. Notably,

The Poor Led the Way.

A boy from one of the great mercantile houses preceded several others whom he had influenced for good. Then came a man with a score of his fellow workmen, whom he had rescued, by his holy living, from lives of ungodliness. He was followed by a woman, distressingly poor while on earth, but filled with the Holy Spirit. She with her children, whom she had brought up in the fear of the Lord, together ascended the massive steps which led them through the portals of glory into—who can describe "the things which eye hath not seen nor ear heard?"

For a Thousand Years

the endless procession continued to advance until the last man and woman had rendered an accounting of the life entrusted to them. I was greatly distressed at the sight of one whom I had known; he brought his work, a marvel of human goodness, but it was

Rejected, Because It Was Christless.

The scene closed. Alarmed, I awoke from my reverie. Instantly I fell on my knees, consecrated my life to Him who bought me with His blood, allowed Him to fill me with His Holy Spirit. Now, after several years, I write to say, this is what I did with my life.

A New Year's Homily.

New Year's Day is in some way recognized by every people having a formal calendar, yet the hours of the last day of the old year generally pass with little variation from ordinary routine. Nevertheless, it is the completed book whose story impresses the reader for good or bad, not the cover or the frontispiece of the new one. Nearly all the words of our language applying to a course not absolutely marked out describe the path that is left behind and not that which is before. There is no counterpart to the ship's "wake" for the course which the prow is about to break, nor of the "track of the cyclone," nor of the spoor of the tiger, nor of "the trail" of numberless animals. It may be noted incidentally that laws or ordinances require automobiles to carry a number, in large figures, hanging from the back. Nobody who sees an automobile coming cares what its number is. Only when it happens to leave some record behind in its track is the knowledge of its number important. It is doubtless because the future is swarming with possibilities, whereas the past constitutes a record which cannot be changed, that most of our festivities centre about the anticipation of the new year rather than in a retrospective affection for the old. In the elder days of the world prophecy held a place of prominence among all peoples, but of history in the scientific sense there was none. This has been reversed by the severely practical modern world. History is at a premium, prophecy at a discount. Yet the almost disregarded last day of December stands for the completed record, as New Year's does for the prophecy of what is to come.

New Year's Resolutions.

If everybody on this earth
Made resolutions New Year's Day
And kept them fast, a share of mirth
From life would straight be swept away.

The fool would cease the pranks which make
The wise man jeer with cynic chaff.
The wise man with some sad mistake
Would never move the fool to laugh.

So let us strive as best we may
And, if perfection be not won,
We'll let the failure go its way
To swell the scoffer's store of fun.

When Talleyrand Scored.

When Mme. de Stael published her celebrated novel, "Delphine," she was supposed to have painted herself in the person of the heroine, and M. Talleyrand in that of an elderly lady, who is one of the principal characters. "They tell me," said he, the first time he met her, "that we are both of us in your novel, in the disguise of women."

PASSING OF THE OLD YEAR

Farewell, old year!
We've journeyed on together many days;
And now behold the parting of our ways
Is very near;
With thoughts of mingled gladness and of dread,
I see the winding way that I must tread
To future lands;
For thee awaits the realm of shadows deep—
The Silent Land of years that lie asleep
With folded hands.

Farewell, old year.
A few more steps ere we forever part—
A few more words that wake the throbbing heart
To hope and fear;
A farewell smile, a lingering clasp of hand,
Ere thou shalt lie within the shadow-land
All silently;
The while I haste a glad new year to greet,
The while I journey on with memories sweet,
Old year, of thee.

Farewell, old year!
Alas, not half I felt or knew till now
How kind and brave and true a friend wert thou;
For ah, twice dear
A loved one seems when comes the darkened day
When heart and lips all tremulous must say
A last good-bye;
Yet, though thy friendly face no more I see,
The memories sweet my heart has kept of thee.

The Man Who Succeeds.

Notice the man of whom it is generally said, "He is successful; he is getting along." Notice that he attends to his work; he is polite; he doesn't drink; he is honest and pays his debts. No man ever succeeded without these qualities.—Atchison Globe.

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"How do you know?" she tartly asked.

"Because this is the smoking car."

She pushed past him and climbed up the steps, and after taking a seat she pulled out and filled a pipe, struck a match on the sole of her shoe, and after drawing a few puffs, she said to a man smoking a cigar across the aisle:

"That young feller out there don't know half as much as he thinks he does."

"How so?" was asked.

"He took me for an old woman that had never rode on the cars before, and told me this was the smoking car."

"And you wanted this car?"

"Why, I never ride in any other—not unless my pipe is broke, my tobacco all out and none o' you menfolks will lend me a cigar."

Homeopathic Loss.

Ethelberta is a doctor's daughter just past six, which throws a sidelight on the story the Philadelphia Public Ledger tells about her.

On her sixth birthday Ethelberta's father gave her a little ring with a tiny pearl in it. Not very long after that she appeared in her father's office, looking very woebegone.

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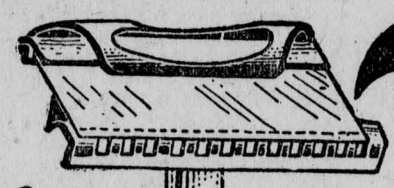

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ANOTHER YEAR IS ANOTHER CHANCE.

The Mapleton Item.

Mapleton Depot, Pa., Dec. 30, 1908.

TROUGH CREEK.

No sleighing at Christmas in our valley this year.

Miss Velma Cutshall is on a visit to her father at Petersburg.

Harry Greenland and family are visiting friends in our section.

D. K. Coder is visiting friends in Pittsburgh during the holiday season.

Mrs. Coy Coder who is on the sick list, is much impoved at this writing.

Mr. and Mrs. A. T. Coder, of Mapleton, Sundayed at the home of C. M. Glasgow.

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Irwin are very proud over the advent of a girl that came on the 20th.

Allison Pheasant and family spent Xmas with his father, S. P. Pheasant, in Smith valley.

W. E. Wright gives every one a hearty handshake, all because a daughter came to stay at his home.

Oscar Stapleton was on the sick list a few days. He had some teeth extracted, almost resulting in lock-jaw.

Dorsey Shore, after spending the summer in our valley, returned to Altoona where he has employment.

A local institute will be held at Harmony chapel by Sheridan and Calvin schools the first and second of Jan, 1909.

The entertainment at Harmony was enjoyed by all. Miss Giffin, of Cassville, deserves much praise for the recitation and song.

A reunion was held at the home of C. M. Pheasant on Christmas. All the children were home, save one daughter, Mrs. Bert Gehrett, who lives in Kansas.

Mr. and Mrs. James Douglass, of Johnsonburg, Elk county, are circulating among friends in the valley. Mrs Douglass will spend some time with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Roland.

CASSVILLE.

Mrs. Hamilton has gone to Montoursville to visit her daughter, Mrs. VanHorn.

Miss Carrie Houck, teacher at Mount Union, is at home for Xmas and New Year.

Mr. Drake, of Huntingdon, was in town last week in the interests of the Raystown Water Company.

Recent visitors to our town: C. T Evans, David Dell, Isaac Horton, Sherman Cornelius and family, and W. C. Shever.

Our merchants, who are stalwart Republicans, say that times are better than ever before—the best holiday trade we ever had.

The Lutheran Sunday school held their Christmas service on Wednesday evening. They had an excellent program entitled "Bethlehem." A tree laden with gifts delighted the little folks, and a generous treat besides.

On Friday evening the Methodist school had their entertainment. The large church was filled to overflowing. The music was bright and the recitations all well given. The members of the church presented Mrs. J. O. Heaton with some fine china in recognition of her services as organist for a number of years.

TODD.

Miss Esther Drake visited her sister Mrs. Z. O. Heeter over Christmas.

The meeting which was in progress at the Bethel closed on Sunday night.

Herbert Evans, of Altoona, spent Christmas with his mother at this place.

Grover Keith, who is teaching school at Shade Gap, spent a few days in this section.

H. J. Buckley and family, and Miss Vida Curfman spent a few days with relatives at Pogue.

The Christmas entertainments held at Newburg and Asbury were each pronounced a success.

H. D. Taylor moved to Huntingdon on Tuesday where he will have charge of the Brunswick hotel.

Mr. and Mrs. Silas Gutshall and young son, of Three Springs, visited relatives at Eagle Foundry recently.

Boy Shoots his Brother.

A sad accident occurred last Thursday afternoon near the home of Grant Schmittle in Cromwell township. Three boys of the family had arranged to go to an entertainment in Hill valley. On the way they commenced shooting mark with a revolver they had in their possession. The youngest boy, aged about nine years, stepped in front of the target to see where a ball had struck and just as he did so the eldest brother shot again, evidently, not seeing the lad at the target. The ball struck the youngest boy about the hips, inflicting injuries from which he died Christmas evening. The family is prostrated by the unfortunate occurrence.

Matthias Winnick on Saturday moved from R. C. Fields' tenant house on Grant street to H. H. Swope's tenant house in the eastern end of town.

Pleasant Family Reunion.

A Merry Christmas it was, indeed, at the home of W. H. Greenland in Clay township. It had been previously planned that all the children and grandchildren should gather at the Greenland home on Christmas day and the arrangement was very nicely carried out. A tree was provided and it was heavily laden with oranges, peanuts, candy and other good things, to say nothing of the numerous presents. As one entered the back parlor, which was entirely given up to Santa Claus, there would meet the gaze a sight long to be remembered. The tree stood in the midst of a beautiful ground four feet square in the center. In front was the entrance to the ground which was surrounded with a pale fence four inches high, the paling being a half inch wide and painted white and finished at the top in light blue. When you entered the double gate in front (that is if you were allowed to do so by the two dogs that lay one on each side o. the path) you would soon come to the house. Then you turned to your right and after a short distance you came to the barn. The barnyard had an inch high yard, which a cow, one horse and two lambs occupied. A little farther on was the farm land, a chuch and building. Then you come to a stream of water in which were several ducks. Next you came to a ferris wheel which was operated by a small engine. A pine forest in which was a beautiful fountain throwing a spray of water two feet high that fell back amidst fern and moss which made a fine display was next before you. This landed you back to the gate.

The guests were Mrs. S. E. Rickabaugh, the oldest child, her husband and family, of Todd; John Greenland, wife and family; Samuel Greenland, wife and family, of Jacobs; Mrs C. L. Coder, husband and family, of Mapleton; Mrs. Rebecca Rupert and Mrs. Maggie Ruby, besides their own family which consists of Miss Jane Greenland and Miss Ethel Greenland, their younger daughters, and Mrs. McDonald, Mrs. Greenland's sister, and Mr. and Mrs. Greenland.

Woman's Home Companion.

The January issue of this most progressive woman's publication contains two unusual art reproductions. At the royal academy last summer a painting of Christ, entitled "Follow Me," by a hitherto unknown woman painter, proved to be the sensational canvas of the exhibition. "Follow Me" is reproduced in America for the first time in the January Woman's Home Companion.

Howard Chandler Christy's "The Wooing of Lorna Doone," also in the January Woman's Home Companion is the first of a series of love scenes from famous novels that are being painted for this magazine by the most celebrated artists of the day. Another attractive unusual art feature consists of portraits of the "Beauties of a Thousand Years" collected all over the world for Woman's Home Companion by William Armstrong.

In addition to the continued stories by Anna Katharine Green, Florence Morse Kingsley and Juliet Wilbor Tompkins, there is a story by Anne Warner, entitled "Dan Rabbit, Cupid;" Marie Manning's "The Scandal of the Bottle Boy;" "The Pride of a Girl," by Mary Hastings, and a charming baby story, entitled "The Story of a Very Little Person," by Albert White Vorse and Mary Heaton Vorse.

Lucy Green, a 17-year-old girl who landed in Philadelphia one day not long ago, looking for work, with only five dollars in her pocket, relates her experiences in the Quaker City.

Everet T. Tomlinson, one of the most expert trainers of boys in America, writes on the habits of the boy.

In addition to the many special articles there are contained in this issue a dozen complete departments including dressmaking, by Grace Margaret Gould; cooking recipes for mid-winter receptions, by Fannie Merritt Farmer, and "Problems of the Business Girl," by Anna Steese Richardson.

Local Institute to Be Held at Garfield.

The program for a local institute to be held at Garfield schoolhouse, Cass township, Feb. 6, 1909, is as follows:

Forenoon, 9.45 to 11.45 o'clock. Music; Devotional exercises; Music; "Paper," Miss Esther Drake; Topic, "The teacher outside of the class," Carrie Smith, Belle Hamilton, Harmon McClain; "Address," Mrs. S. V. Heaton.

Afternoon, 1.30 to 4 o'clock. Topic, "Why I should be interested in the public schools"—first as a teacher, D. H. Dell, Miles Chilcote, Harry Speck—second as a patron, J. F. Wright, R. P. Smith, J. C. Heaton, W. G. Taylor; Recitation, Elda Dell; Topic, "Common Sense Geography," Millie Bowman, Mabel Swope; Topic, "Nature Study," Prof. J. O. Smith, Chalmer Houck; "Paper," Miss Annie Miller; Topic, "Our boys and girls," Prof. J. M. Drake, Miss Emma Miller.

Co. Supt. Dell will be with us during the day. All teachers, directors and friends of education are urged to be present. George Hamilton, chairman.

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